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BOYLAN—March 6, 1928, at 87 Lower Baggot street, Dublin, Eileen (Ceilin Mar (Kil), wife of Francis M. Boylan, of Beaumont, Drogheda, a daughter.

GIBSON—February 29, 1928, at Maybrook, Lisburn, to Mr. and Mrs. H. Murray Gibson, a son.

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HORGAN-GAUL and GANNON—February 21, 1928, at St. Peter's Church, Bray, by the Rev. J. McGuirk, C.C., Nicholas Horgan, late Royal Artillery, 11 Cliftonville road, Dublin, third son of the late Nicholas and Mrs. Gaul (late of Somerton, Wexford), and grandson of the late William Cronin-Horgan, M.D. Surgeon, and Coroner for Drogheda, to Moira, only daughter of Edward Gannon, of Toronto, and Mrs. Gannon, late of Wyndham Park, Bray.

WILDE and HAMILTON—March 2, 1928, at Cathedral, Mombasa, Kenya Colony, Frank, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilde, Ashford, Kent, to Victoria Grace, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Waldron Hamilton, Ashfort, County Roscommon.

DEATHS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for insertion in this column will be found on Page 6.

DOHERTY—March 4, 1928, at Bombay, Henry P. Doherty, third son of the late P. T. Doherty, of Bresiansiown House, Ardee. R.I.P.

MACKENZIE—March 5, 1928, at a Dublin hospital, Catherine Mackenzie, for 20 years the faithful companion to the late Hon. Mrs. Millar, Killarney Wood, Bray. Funeral strictly private.

MERRIN—March 6, 1926, at his residence, Ballyloughlan, Carrickmacross, Thomas Merrin. Deeply regretted by his sorrowing family. Funeral at 3 p.m. to-morrow (Thursday) to Carrickmacross.

MILLIGAN—Monday, March 5, 1928, at his residence, Drumacahon, Ederney, County Fermanagh, John Milligan. Funeral to-day (Wednesday), 7th, to cemetery, Tubrid, at 2 p.m.

NICOLL—March 5, 1928, at Private Nursing Home in Dublin, Florence, beloved wife of Thomas Nicoll, Chelwell, Dungriffan road, Howth. "Peace, perfect peace." Service at Sutton Methodist Church to-day (Wednesday) 2.30 p.m. Funeral private.

RITCHIE—March 5, 1928, at Wine street, Sligo, suddenly, Edith, dearly-beloved wife of Rev. James Ritchie, "For ever with the Lord." Funeral to Ballinamallard to-morrow (Thursday), leaving Sligo at 10 a.m.

SORAHAN—March 5, 1928, at his residence, Claremont, Hunter street, Cardiff, Charles, eldest surviving son of the late Michael Sorahan, King's Inns, Dublin.

TRUE—March 3, 1928, Ruth, wife of G. W. Tree, 179 Ferme Park road, London, N.8, late of the Junior Army and Navy Stores, Dublin, aged 67 years. Deeply regretted.

WALSH—March 3, 1928, at the Presentation Convent, Carrick-on-Suir, Sister Mary Regis Walsh, daughter of the late Thomas Walsh and of Mrs. Walsh, Carrick-on-Suir, in the 19th year of her religious profession. R.I.P.

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The creditors of the above-named Deceased, who died on the 18th August, 1927, are hereby required to furnish to the undersigned Solicitors for the Executors of the Deceased written particulars of their claims on or before the 31st day of March, 1928, after which date the Deceased's estate will be distributed, having regard only to the claims then received.
Dated this 27th day of February, 1928.
J. E. MacDERMOTT, Solicitor for Executors, 21 Nassau street, Dublin.

SAORSTAT EIREANN.
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE—COURT NO. 2.
Record No. 1928/2.
In the Matter of
THE INDUSTRIAL MINERALS OF IRELAND, LIMITED,
and
In the Matter of
THE COMPANIES ACTS, 1908 AND 1917.
By an Order made by Mr. Justice Johnston in the above Matter, dated the 27th day of February, 1928, on the Petition of Alex. Thom and Company, Limited, of 2 Crow street, Dublin, it was ordered that The Industrial Minerals of Ireland, Limited, be wound up by this Court under the provisions of the Companies (Consolidation) Act, 1908.
WILLIAM FRY and SON, 14 Lower Mount street, Dublin, Solicitors for the said Petitioners.

Notice of Sitting for Proof of Debts.—21.
SAORSTAT EIREANN.
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE—IN BANKRUPTCY.
In the Matter of
THOMAS DOHERTY, of Banagher, in the King's County, General Draper, a Bankrupt.
A Public Sitting in this Matter will be held before the Chief Registrar in the Law Courts, The Castle, Dublin, on Thursday, the 29th day of March, 1928, at the hour of Eleven o'clock, forenoon, for the Proof and admission of Debts and the swearing of the Official Assignee's account.
A Creditor may prove his Debt at the Sitting, or send his Affidavit of Debt in the prescribed form, or his detailed account to the undersigned Official Assignee, four days previously to the Sitting in order to have the same admitted.
Owing to the destruction of papers in the burning of the Four Courts, all proofs of debt and records of claims sent to the Official Assignee before March, 1923, have been destroyed, and therefore, a creditor who sent in a claim before that date must now send in a duplicate; otherwise the Court can have no knowledge of his demand.
Dated this 6th day of March, 1928.
W. CONNELL, Clerk in Bankruptcy.
A. G. HOLLEBRAD, Official Assignee.
Law Courts, The Castle, Dublin.
CASEY, CLAY and COLLINS, Solicitors for the Assignees, 21 Saint Andrew street, Dublin.

NEXT-OF-KIN WANTED.
Pursuant to an Order of the Circuit Judge of the City and County of Dublin made in the Matter of ELIZABETH MEEHAN, Deceased, in an Action by CHARLES S. DOYLE against the Attorney-General of Saorstat Eireann, all persons claiming to be next-of-kin of Elizabeth Meehan, late of 4 South Richmond street, in the County of the City of Dublin, Ireland, who died on or about the 9th day of February, 1925, are, on or before the 4th day of May, 1928, to come in and prove their claims at the Chambers of the County Registrar, at Green street Courthouse, Dublin, or in default thereof they will be peremptorily excluded from the benefits of said Order.
The 4th day of May, 1928, at 12 o'clock noon, at the said Chambers, is appointed for the hearing and adjudicating upon the claims.
Dated this 3rd day of March, 1928.
SEAMUS O'CONCHUBHAIR,
County Registrar.
NOTE—The parents of the said Elizabeth Meehan were Austin Meehan (or Meighan) and Mary Meehan (née Colleran). Deceased also had a brother, Austin Joseph Meehan, born on 3rd March, 1875. They emigrated to New York, U.S.A., about 53 years ago. Of this marriage there was one child who died in infancy.
THOMAS J. MacGRATH and CO., Solicitors for Charles S. Doyle, 15 Kildare street, Dublin.

MARTIN O'DWYER, late of Clonee, in the County of Meath, Farmer, Deceased.
All persons having claims against the estate of the above deceased are requested to furnish particulars of same to the undersigned.
Dated this 6th March, 1928.
DANIEL O'GRADY and SON, Solicitors, 58 Mary street, Dublin.

ANNA MARIA CLIFFE Deceased. By direction of the Master of the Supreme Court of South Australia made in the matter of the Estate of the above-named ANNA MARIA CLIFFE late of Henley Beach in the State of South Australia Spinster formerly Matron of His Majesty's Gaol at Adelaide deceased No. 58 of 1928 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all creditors beneficiaries and other persons having any claim against the Estate of the said Anna Maria Cliffe who died on the 7th day of December 1927 at Henley Beach aforesaid and Probate of whose Will was granted by the Supreme Court of South Australia on the 6th day of January 1928 to BAYFIELD MOULDEN of Adelaide aforesaid formerly Solicitor now Company Director one of the executors named in the said Will the Reverend Frederick Webb of Adelaide aforesaid Minister of the Gospel the other executor therein named having predeceased the said testatrix are hereby required to send full particulars of their claims and a statement of their accounts together with their respective Christian and surnames addresses and descriptions by post prepaid to the said Bayfield Moulden Austral Chambers, Currie Street, Adelaide aforesaid on or before the 8th day of June 1928 at the expiration of which time the said Bayfield Moulden as such executor will be at liberty to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the parties entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have had notice and the said executor will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof so distributed to any person of whose claim he shall not have had notice at the time of such distribution.
DATED this 25th day of January 1928.
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CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT.

MURDER IN COLD BLOOD.

STATEMENT TO POLICE DENIED BY WITNESS.

PRISONER DISCHARGED.

(BEFORE MR. JUSTICE O'BYRNE.)

For the second time in recent weeks, in a case involving the capital charge, a witness in a murder trial heard yesterday denied making or signing a statement in the presence of Civic Guards, and the prisoner was discharged, as there was no evidence to go before the jury.

Frank O'Donnell, a young man of the labouring class, was charged with the murder of John Gallagher at Knockastolar, Gweedon, County Donegal, on the 10th February, 1923. Mr. Dudley White, K.C. (instructed by the Chief State Solicitor), prosecuted; and Mr. Gearoid O'Sullivan, T.D. (instructed by Mr. M. Noyk and Mr. F. Sweeney), defended the prisoner, who was arrested in Motherwell in January of this year.

A PREVIOUS RAID.

Mr. Dudley White said that the murdered man was a small farmer and fisherman, and lived at Knockastolar with his wife and eight children. The prisoner lived about half-a-mile away. At about 8 o'clock on the night of February 10th, 1923, Gallagher was sitting in his kitchen while his wife was preparing a meal. A masked and armed man suddenly pushed in the door, and, shouting: "Come on, come on!" beckoned to Gallagher to come out. Gallagher refused, and the raider said: "If you come out you will have two chances, but if you stay there you will get none." The raider, who was within seven yards of Gallagher, then raised the revolver and shot Gallagher dead.

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DUBLIN CIRCUIT COURT.

CLERK'S NOTE OF AN INTERVIEW

OF NO VALUE IN CLAIM BY AUCTIONEERS.

(BEFORE JUDGE ROCHE.)

Thomas McD. Corrigan and Herbert L. Corrigan, trading as Corrigan and Co., 4 Grafton street, Dublin, auctioneers and house agents, sued John T. Hudson, 89 Pembroke road, Dublin, to recover £75 2s. 6d., commission on the sale of the house 31 Fitzwilliam place to Surgeon Pearson for £2,925 last year.

Mr. Redmond, a clerk in the plaintiffs' office, said that when the defendant was having an interview with the plaintiffs in their office he entered and heard part of the conversation between them, and he made a note of it in a book. He had not been called in, but he went there on other business.

The Judge—Was your entry read over to Mr. Hudson?—No.

Was he told that you were making an entry that might be used in evidence against him?—He was not, but Mr. Corrigan confirmed the entry.

The Judge—I may tell you that, as far as evidence is concerned, it is of precious little value.

FORTY INTERVIEWS.

Mr. Thomas Corrigan, in his evidence, stated that he had had about forty interviews with the defendant, who was ultimately suited by another firm. Exclusive of any commission, he would say that a reasonable remuneration for the work which he did himself in connection with 31 Fitzwilliam place would be at least £25.

Cross-examined by Mr. Connolly, Mr. Corrigan said that he visited the premises in February, 1927. He had a buyer for the premises—Surgeon Pearson—and on his behalf he was offering £3,000.

Did Surgeon Pearson repudiate any such offer by you of £3,000?—No.

Questioned as to commission, the witness replied that it was unusual to ask the purchaser to pay commission—the owner of the premises must pay it.

Mr. Connolly—Did Messrs. Hogan and Sons, solicitors, on behalf of Dr. Pearson, prohibit you from in any way negotiating on his behalf in connection with the purchase of these premises?—I could not tell you that.

Mr. Louis Wine, in reply to Mr. Bartley, said that Dr. Pearson asked him if he knew of any house in Fitzwilliam place, as he intended to get married and needed one. The witness directed him to Messrs. Corrigan, who, he added, were energetic and very reputable agents.

Mr. Connolly (cross-examining)—You gave no authority to Messrs. Corrigan to make an offer of £3,000 on behalf of Dr. Pearson?—I did not give them exactly an authority, but I did say that Dr. Pearson would not mind giving £3,000 for it.

Mr. John Hudson, the defendant, said that he did not consider Messrs. Corrigan as his agents, and they were, therefore, not entitled to commission.

NEVER AGENTS.

Giving judgment, Judge Roche said that it was a question as between Mr. Corrigan and Mr. Hudson. Holding, as he did, that the entry of the interview in the book was not evidence, and, as Mr. Corrigan had no specific memory as to what took place, he was not satisfied that there was any agreement entered into between these two gentlemen on that occasion, by which Messrs. Corrigan became the agents for Mr. Hudson, or whereby Mr. Hudson agreed to make himself responsible for the commission in case the transaction with Dr. Pearson went through. Mr. Wine was perfectly *bona fide* in putting Messrs. Corrigan in motion about the matter, and Messrs. Corrigan were perfectly *bona fide* in connection with the matter and did all they could to carry out the transaction. Eventually it went through without the actual intervention of Messrs. Corrigan, as between Dr. Pearson and his solicitors on the one side, and Mr. Hudson and his solicitors on the other side.

He held that at no time were Messrs. Corrigan authorised to act or acting as actual agents for Mr. Hudson, and at no time was there any agreement, either express or implied, by which Mr. Hudson was to be responsible for the commission. On the law and on the facts, he held that Messrs. Corrigan were not entitled to succeed, and he accordingly dismissed the action.

Mr. John Bartley (instructed by Mr. P. J. Moran) appeared for the plaintiffs; Mr. M. J. Connolly (instructed by Messrs. Denroche and Son) appeared for the defendant.

SURGEONS DISAGREE.

COMPENSATION FOR SCALDED LEG.

(BEFORE JUDGE DAVITT.)

In an application under the Workmen's Compensation Act on behalf of Thomas Walsh, a boy, who lives at Henshaw Cottages, Cloghskeagh, against his employer, George Price, pork butcher, Elm Park terrace, Ranelagh, the question for consideration was alleged incapacity to work. On the 26th March, 1927, the boy was washing out a boiler when he slipped, and his left leg was badly burned. He was paid compensation until the 21st January last.

SKIN-GRAFTING.

Surgeon Kennedy, in answer to Mr. Gavan Duffy (instructed by Messrs. Cox and Co.), for the applicant, said that the boy was under his care in St. Vincent's Hospital for about four months. The skin was burned off the leg for a considerable distance above and below the knee. Two operations of skin-grafting were performed, with the result that the scalded area was well covered over. In such cases as this the skin did not become strong for a considerable time, and it was more easily injured than the normal skin. In his opinion, it would not be prudent for the boy to undertake work at which he might sustain even a slight injury at present.

Thomas Walsh, the applicant, said that in his employment he used to skin pigs, wash boilers, and go on messages on a bicycle.

"FIT FOR WORK."

Surgeon A. Butler, who was examined for the respondent (Mr. Price), in reply to Mr. McLoughlin (instructed by Messrs. McLoughlin and Son), said that he first examined the boy on the 17th August. The boy then had two ulcers on the leg, one being about the size of the palm of the hand and the other much smaller. He saw him subsequently on a couple of occasions, and there was considerable improvement. On January 16th he again examined him, and found that the leg was completely healed, with the exception of a small area below the knee. The scar was perfectly firm and very healthy. He considered that the boy was fit for work.

Mr. McLoughlin—The skin-grafting treatment was a success?—Yes.

The Judge ordered that compensation on the basis of total incapacity should be continued as from the date of its stoppage in January for a month from now.

THE CHURCH OF IRELAND.

The Guild of St. Luke for Nurses is an organisation which has been formed, with the approval of the Archbishop of Dublin, with the object of bringing nurses who are members of the Church of Ireland together in a religious and social fellowship. Its inaugural meeting was held on Friday, February 24th, at Dr. Steevens' Hospital, and the fact that more than eighty nurses accepted the invitation of the Matron to tea shows that the Guild meets a need. After tea the rules and organisation of the Guild were discussed and arranged, and the evening concluded with a short Service in the chapel of the hospital, at which Dr. A. H. McNeile gave a brief address. The Hon. Secretary of the Guild is Miss Olive Holmes, Dr. Steevens' Hospital, who will be glad to answer inquiries.

A set of four handsome brass electroliers has been presented to Harold's Cross Church in memory of the late Mr. Edward Robinson, who worshipped there for many years. The new light-clusters enhance the internal appearance of the building considerably. The Select Vestry passed a cordial vote of thanks to Mrs. Robinson for her beautiful gift.

A mural tablet to the memory of Baroness Castletown of Upper Ossory has been dedicated in Killermagh Parish Church.

The Bishop of Cork has decided that the Cork annual religious meetings shall be held during the week commencing 21st October next, instead of during the month of May. The change was rendered necessary owing to the difficulty of fitting in such meetings between the General Synod and the Diocesan Synod.

The Council of the British Association will nominate Sir Thomas Holland, Rector of the Imperial College of Science and Technology, as President of the Association, for the meeting in South Africa in July and August, 1929.

MUTE OF MALICE?

JURY FAIL TO AGREE IN TREASON CASE.

JUDGE'S DENUNCIATION.

On the point whether a prisoner was mute of malice or could not speak English—an issue about which the Judge said there could be no difference of opinion—a jury in the Central Criminal Court, Dublin, yesterday failed to agree. They were sent back, only to return still in disagreement, and, in discharging them, Mr. Justice O'Byrne denounced one or more of them, who had, as he said, acted in disregard and defiance of their oath and in disregard of their legal obligations.

The case concerned a young man named John Brosnan, of the County Kerry, who was charged with having, between the 1st and 31st October, 1926, taken part in the formation and maintenance of a body purporting to be a military force, but not established by law. On other counts he was indicted for being a member of such force and for the unlawful possession of two rifles, a revolver, and a quantity of ammunition.

FLUENT ENGLISH SPEAKER.

When asked to plead the prisoner observed silence.

A jury was then empanelled to try whether the accused man was mute of malice or by the visitation of God.

To prove that the prisoner understood the English language and could speak it fluently, Mr. Dudley White, K.C. (instructed by the Chief State Solicitor), called Sergeant Stapleton, who gave evidence on oath to the effect that he addressed the prisoner in English at the Civic Guard barrack, Tralee, and that they carried on a conversation in that language.

Mr. White—He speaks English fluently?—Yes.

Mr. Justice O'Byrne, addressing the jury, said that they were not concerned with the question of the accused man's innocence or guilt on the charge on which he was indicted. They had the sergeant's evidence that the accused man spoke English, and the issue which they had to try was a very simple one, indeed—whether or not Brosnan understood the English language.

JURY SENT BACK.

After an absence of forty-five minutes, the jury returned to court, and the foreman announced that they could not agree to a verdict.

Mr. Justice O'Byrne—I have some sympathy for those of you who are prepared to do your duty. But this is not a case in which, on the evidence before you, there is any room for any honest difference of opinion. I must ask you again to retire.

The jury retired at 12.10.

At 2.50 p.m. the jury again returned to court, and the foreman intimated that they could not agree.

Mr. Justice O'Byrne—Hand me back the issue paper.

DEFIANCE OF OATH.

This having been done,

Mr. Justice O'Byrne said—"I at first contemplated keeping you until midnight, or later, but I realise that would be unjust to those of your body who are willing to do their duty. I told you earlier that the issue was one about which there could be no honest difference of opinion. The only thing you had to determine was whether the prisoner at the bar was able to hear and speak. You took a solemn oath that you would try that question in accordance with the evidence, and you called on the Almighty God to witness that you would carry out that undertaking.

"I now say—and my remarks are only intended to apply to some of your body, whether one or more; but, whether one or more, I say that you have acted in disregard and defiance of your oath and in disregard of your legal obligations. I now discharge you."

The prisoner was then put back.

FATAL ROAD ACCIDENT.

CORONER AND SPEED OF MOTOR 'BUSES.

At the resumed inquest, in Steevens's Hospital, Dublin, yesterday, into the death of Henry Byrne (52), of Summerhill, Dublin, a night fitter in the employment of the Dublin United Tramways Company, who was knocked down by a motor omnibus while cycling on the Lucan road near the Hermitage Golf Club last Saturday, a verdict that death was due to a fracture of the skull, laceration of the brain, and shock and hemorrhage, caused by being accidentally knocked down by the 'bus, was returned, and the jury added a rider that they were of opinion that the driver should have taken more precautions at this particular part of the road. They recommended the widow and family to the kind consideration of the General Omnibus Company.

Evidence was given by Thomas Ivory, Lucan, and Patrick Courtney, 5 St. Vincent street, Inchicore, that they heard no horn sounded. Neither saw the accident, which took place at a point where the tramway line was under repair, but, according to Ivory, the 'bus pulled up about forty yards from the point of collision. Courtney, who is a watchman, said that the 'bus was not going fast.

Edward J. Moffett, Main street, Lucan, said that he was cycling from Lucan, when he saw the 'bus swerve to the right to pass a man on a bicycle, who was as close to the kerb on his own side as possible. A motor car was passing the 'bus when the accident occurred, but it did not stop when somebody called to the driver to take the man to hospital. The driver of the car must have known of the accident.

Bernard Fallon, Cooldrinagh, a passenger in the 'bus, said that he heard the 'bus struck on the right-hand side as it was facing the city. This crash, he learnt, was caused by a private motor car. Then there was a second crash on the left-hand side. When he looked out he saw a man lying on the road a little distance behind. The 'bus was travelling at a moderate speed. There was no doubt, he added, that the private car hit the 'bus.

Robert Wilson, the conductor of the 'bus, said that the accident took place at about 3.36 p.m. They were due to arrive at the Hermitage at 3.25 p.m.

Thomas Ivory, recalled by Superintendent Hughes, said that the time of the accident, according to his watch, was 3.20 p.m.

Sergeant Thomas O'Keeffe, Lucan, said that he had examined the 'bus and found fresh scratches on the left-hand side. He had failed to trace the other motor car.

James Stapleton, 52 Lower Dominick street, Dublin, the driver of the 'bus, after being cautioned, gave evidence. He had been driving, he said, for ten years. When at the foot of the hill, coming to the Hermitage Club, he saw a cyclist in front of him and a motor car coming down the hill towards him. The motor car was swerving over towards him, so he slowed down and went into a lower gear. The cyclist was about five yards in front. The kerb was badly cut up at this point, and the cyclist seemed to be caught in it. He wobbled. The motor car did not pull over to its own side of the road until it was almost on top of the 'bus. He then swerved to avoid the cyclist, and pulled up when told of the accident. He made no attempt to pass the man until he had the road clear. The motor car was travelling very fast and just grazed by the 'bus. He did not hear or know if it touched his 'bus. He sounded his horn.

In reply to Mr. Oswald Murphy, Deputy Coroner, the witness said that if the man had not wobbled the 'bus would not have hit him.

Superintendent Hughes, addressing the jury, said that, if something were not done eventually to restrain the speed and bring about the exercise of care in the management of these unwieldy vehicles, it would be a very serious thing for the public.

The Coroner agreed that something should be done to regulate the speed of these 'buses. He himself had seen a 'bus travelling at thirty-five miles an hour along the Rock road.

GARDEN MANUAL.

"Mackey's Garden Manual," of 176 pages, comes from a firm with 151 years of satisfactory trading behind it. It is brimful of useful hints on flower and vegetable gardening, and there is a large selection of seeds to choose from. "The Mackey" tomato, raised in Powerscourt, has a great following for cool-house growers, and will, no doubt, be tried by many more this season. Copies of the "Manual" can be obtained from Sir James Wm. Mackey, Ltd., Upper Sackville street, Dublin.

At a large meeting of the Irish Retail Newsagents' Association, over which Mr. Hart presided, a vote of condolence was passed to Mr. J. J. Baggot, Rathmines, on the death of his wife. All present expressed their sorrow at his loss.

LAW REPORTS.

BALBRIGGAN HOSIERY CASE.

LEAVE TO APPEAL REFUSED.

(BEFORE THE CHIEF JUSTICE, MR. JUSTICE SULLIVAN AND MR. JUSTICE HANNA.)

In the Court of Criminal Appeal the hearing was resumed of the application of Henry Cashell, of Balbriggan, for leave to appeal from his conviction in the Dublin Circuit Court by Judge Davitt on a charge of the larceny of hosiery, the property of Messrs. Smyth and Co., proprietors of the Balbriggan Hosiery Factory, where he was employed as a clerk. He was sentenced to six months' imprisonment, without hard labour.

Mr. Maguire, K.C., and Mr. Sherry (instructed by Messrs. Cothrane and Co.) appeared for the applicant; and Mr. Carrigan, K.C., and Mr. Sheehy (instructed by the Chief State Solicitor) for the Attorney-General.

Mr. Carrigan continued his argument in support of the conviction. Throughout the case, he said, he had held that the Cashell family were engaged in a family swindle, taking advantage of the trust reposed in them.

Mr. Justice Hanna—You cannot say that. We cannot re-try the case. They were all acquitted except Henry Cashell.

Mr. Carrigan—I am not saying it now. I loyally submit to the finding. I am stating what I said all through the trial. Reviewing the evidence, Mr. Carrigan referred to Mr. Johnston, the hotel manager, as an honest witness.

Mr. Justice Hanna said that this witness had stated that he had got three dozen pairs for 12s.—that was 4d. a pair. He did not see how any hotel manager could conceive that he could get a pair of stockings for 4d.

Mr. Carrigan submitted that it was competent for the jury to find that Henry Cashell had been carrying on a surreptitious trade in stolen goods and that he was guilty.

Mr. Maguire, addressing the Court for the appellant, said that the State had closed their case without giving any evidence of deficiency whatever. Henry Cashell stood upon his rights as entitled to a direction, and tendered no evidence, and did not go into evidence, and that was how the case stood as against Henry Cashell. Thomas Cashell gave evidence in his own defence, and the evidence that he gave in his own defence was being used as against Henry Cashell in connection with this indictment. That was a practice, he submitted, which, if allowed, would put a prisoner in a position of great embarrassment, and a position which might work out unfairly where he stood upon his application for a direction and evidence was brought out at the tail end of the case.

The Court decided against the applicant on all grounds submitted on his behalf, and refused the application for leave to appeal.

MOTOR GARAGE CASE.

A CIRCUIT COURT TRIAL.

The Court of Criminal Appeal granted an application made on behalf of Edward Murtagh, of 14 Haddon road, Clontarf, for a free transcript of the evidence taken at his trial in the Circuit Court before Judge Roche, with a view to its being used in his application for leave to appeal against his conviction and sentence. He was charged with breaking and entering a motor garage at Vernon avenue, Clontarf, and with receiving two magnetos and other property knowing them to have been stolen, and was sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment, with hard labour.

Mr. Sherry (instructed by Mr. S. G. Rutherford) was for the applicant, and Mr. Sheehy (instructed by the Chief State Solicitor) for the Attorney-General.

"HIBERNICUS."

A PATRIOTIC NAME.

(BEFORE MR. JUSTICE JOHNSTON.)

During the hearing of a summary summons, in which the applicant sought an order to enable her to bind her interest in a trust fund, the name Hibernicus was read from an affidavit as the Christian name of a man who was mentioned in it.

I never heard that name used as a Christian name before, remarked Mr. Justice Johnston.

Counsel making the application said that he had never head it, even in Roman history.

The Romans, explained Mr. Justice Johnston, never were in Ireland, or it was alleged that they never were, so that they did not need to use it.

Counsel — Although Cæsar mentions Hibernia.

At all events, said Mr. Justice Johnston, this man's parents had given him that name.

"Yes," agreed counsel, "rightly or wrongly." (Laughter.)

GALWAY CINEMA FIRE.

CLAIM TO INSURANCE MONEYS.

(BEFORE MR. JUSTICE JOHNSTON.)

In the matter of Mackie's trusts and the Trustee Act, which was listed on summary summons, an application was made on behalf of James S. Campbell, of Taylor's Hill, Galway, and Henry Charles Burbidge, of Brunswick House, Prestwich, Manchester, for an order that £3,266 15s. 6d. and £407 paid into court to the credit of the matter by the Royal Insurance Company, Limited, be paid to the solicitors for the respective applicants, and that the insurance company should pay to the applicants their costs of the application, on the ground that the insurance company were not justified in paying the moneys into court.

The sums, it appeared, represented amounts payable under two policies of fire insurance, in respect of cinema premises in Galway, which were destroyed by fire in 1926, and a question arose as to the right of the insurance company to lodge in court, under the Trustee Act, the policy moneys, in respect of which there were conflicting claims.

Mr. Justice Johnston, having referred to the nature of the conflicting claims to the policy moneys, said that he could scarcely conceive more tangled circumstances than those with which the insurance company were here faced, and he could not say that the insurance company had acted unreasonably in lodging these sums in court. He was satisfied now, however, that these two sums should be paid out to the applicants jointly, and the insurance company must get their costs of the application out of the fund.

Mr. Marnan (instructed by Messrs. Blake and Kenny) appeared for the applicants; and Messrs. Hoey and Denning, solicitors, for the Royal Insurance Company, Limited.

SALE OF KINGSTOWN PROPERTY.

APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES.

Mr. W. G. Fallon (instructed by Mr. James Brady) applied on behalf of Patrick Gerrardus Crangle and Francis Noel Crangle, of 1 Roby place, Kingstown, infants by James Clancy, their guardian, for an order that the powers conferred upon a tenant for life under sections of the Settled Land Act, 1882, may be exercised by James Clancy, 1 Roby place, Kingstown, and John Walters, 69 and 73 Upper George's street, Kingstown, on behalf of the infants during their minority, in regard to the sale of the dwelling-house and premises, 4 Summerhill, Kingstown, to Maurice Charles O'Connell, 1 Grosvenor terrace, Sorrento road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin, for £500.

Mr. Justice Johnston made the order sought, and directed that the full purchase money should be lodged in Court. He allowed the costs of the application out of the funds.

MONAGHAN GIRL DROWNED IN WELL.

Margaret Smyth (17), daughter of a labourer, Owen Smyth, of Lathurcan, near Monaghan, was discovered head foremost in a well some 200 yards from her house last Thursday night. The discovery was made by her brother Brian, who went in search of his sister, finding that she had not returned, and knowing that she had gone for a bucket of water to the well. When he pulled his sister out she was dead. The well was about four feet deep, with some two feet of water.

The Rev. Robert Duggan, M.A., Stockport, was installed as incumbent of the parish of Kilmoremoy (in the room of Dean Landy, resigned), in presence of a large congregation, in the parish church, Ardnaree, Ballina, yesterday. The Bishop of Tuam, the Right Rev. Dr. Harden, officiated.

SHANNON SCHEME BRIDGES.

TRAFFIC FACILITIES PROBLEM

A description of the different types of bridges to be built across the Shannon scheme canal was given by Mr. Joseph McDonald in the course of a paper which he read on Monday at a meeting of the Institution of Civil Engineers of Ireland in the Engineers' Hall, Dublin.

The provision of traffic facilities he said, was one of the many problems connected with the construction of the head and tail race canals through a district intersected by a network of main and accommodation roads.

In the original scheme three bridges were provided—at O'Briensbridge, Clonlara, and at Ardnacrusha. The two former bridges across the head-race were to consist of fifty-metre steel superstructures on concrete abutments, giving a five-metre clear roadway and two footpaths, 1.5 metres each. The bridge at Ardnacrusha was to provide for the traffic of the existing main road from Limerick to Broadford, Clonlara, and O'Briensbridge.

After careful consideration it was decided to construct three bridges across the head-race, at O'Briensbridge, Clonlara, and Blackwater, and also a bridge across the tail-race near Parteen, and to abandon the project to construct a bridge for public traffic at the power station.

It was agreed that the bridges should be constructed of reinforced concrete with three spans. The Blackwater bridge has been completed for some months, and is now taking heavy traffic across the head race.

Mr. McDonald then gave details of the design and construction of this bridge.

Mr. A. E. Porte, proposing a vote of thanks, said that he wondered why wooden piles were used.

Mr. J. C. Sides seconded.

Mr. Mallagh said that the construction of the bridge was a credit to the contractors.

Professor Rishworth said that he did not wish people to get the idea that they had done something original in the construction of the bridge; they had not. He had seen several bridges of the same type.

Mr. J. K. Prendergast said that, generally speaking, concrete was the most suitable material for bridge construction in this country. From previous experience he considered that timber piles were quite suitable.

The Chairman (Mr. A. Delap), in conveying the thanks of the meeting to Mr. McDonald, also expressed his appreciation of the valuable information given in the paper.

THE METHODIST CHURCH.

A special effort is being made this year to considerably augment the income of the Supernumerary Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' Fund, with a view to a substantial increase in the allowances which the fund pays to its beneficiaries. A large number of churches have already made their annual appeal for the fund, and, with the solitary exception of one Belfast church, an increase in the amount contributed is reported in every case. The increases vary from a few shillings to £12 in the case of Limerick. Quite a number of churches report an increase of £5 or thereabouts in the amount contributed.

The annual report of the Connexional Sunday School Examination has just been issued. Once again the examiners are able to report a considerable increase in the number of those who entered for the examination. They also report a manifest improvement in the standard of the teaching given in the Sunday Schools. Gold and silver medals for first and second places in the various grades are won by schools as far apart as Dublin, Blackhall Place; Cork, Central Hall; Skibbereen, Rumhamboe, Clabby, Enniskillen, Ardara, Loghros Point, Dungannon, Belfast, Knock; Belfast, Cregagh. In quite a number of instances, through competitors tieing for first or second place, two medals have had to be awarded, instead of one as originally intended.

A Valedictory Service to say farewell to Dr. and Mrs. Harold Maguire, who are taking up medical missionary work amongst the Santals of Bengal, was held last week in University Road Church, Belfast. The President, Rev. W. H. Smyth, M.A., presided, and the valedictory address was given by the Rev. A. McCrea, M.A. Dr. Maguire, in reply, spoke beautifully of all that he owed to his saintly father, the late Rev. W. E. Maguire, and to the influences which were about him in the years spent as a boarder in the Methodist College, Belfast. A gift, Mr. Edmund S. Lamplough, of London, has presented to the recently-formed Repository of the Wesley Historical Society in Dublin, one hundred and ten letters written by old-time Irish Methodist worthies, such as the Rev. Adam Averell, M.A.; the Rev. Gideon Ouseley, the Rev. William Crook, sen.; the Rev. Matthew Langtree, and the Rev. James Tobias. Some interesting old deeds of chapels are included in the gift.

CAPTAIN MALCOLM CAMPBELL

in his wireless telephone message to "The Evening News" on Feb. 20th, said:

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PROTECTION FOR DEGREES OF MERIT.

THE OPEN DOOR OF THE COMPANIES ACTS.

(By A MEMBER OF A CHARTERED PROFESSION.)

THE use of "B.C.D." or "F.C.Inc.," when they mean nothing more than "Doctor of Beauty Culture" and "Fellow of the Cheiropractors' Incorporation," is, no doubt, extremely amusing, but there is a danger that university degrees and the designatory letters of professional societies, which are recognised throughout the British Commonwealth of Nations as a "hall-mark" of ability and education, may be confused with the worthless "bought by mail order" degrees of obscure and fictitious "colleges."

In addition to the recognised university degrees which conferred professional status upon the medical and certain other vocations, nearly every calling which could be considered to be of a professional character became organised by the formation of its respective professional society during the last century. The professions of law and medicine, being concerned with the protection of life and property, were the subject of special legislation which restricted the practice of those professions to persons whose names were entered on special registers and certified as properly qualified.

CHARTERED PROFESSIONS.

Other professions, however, were formally recognised by the Crown by the grant of Royal Charters to the respective societies. Accountants, journalists, secretaries, engineers, architects, chemists, surveyors, musicians, patent agents and others were incorporated and recognised in this way. These Charters were not lightly granted nor were they granted for merely selfish purposes. A petition for a Royal Charter goes before the Privy Council and is subjected to close scrutiny and thorough investigation. The petition is not granted unless there is ample evidence that it is in the public interest and not merely in the interests of those seeking the Charter. The bodies thus created were charged with the duty of providing persons of competence and integrity qualified to practise their respective professions. Naturally, a condition precedent to membership is compliance with very stringent conditions involving, as a rule, a lengthy period of service or apprenticeship, the passing of severe examinations, generally three in number, and the production of evidence that the candidate is a fit and proper person to be admitted.

The Chartered Societies are empowered by their Charters to grant diplomas to their members which confer upon them the right to use special designatory letters after their names. These designatory letters have come to be recognised by the public as evidence of the highest professional competence; and, it is not too much to say, confidence in the persons possessing the right to use them is rarely misplaced. It would be a grievous error if the public were to confuse the designatory letters of such bodies with the "degrees" of the quacks and charlatans.

THE OPEN DOOR OF THE COMPANIES ACTS.

The stringent conditions and high standard required by the Chartered Societies do not, of course, please everybody, and, as is generally the case with sound institutions, there are several limitations. In many cases persons who have failed to reach the required standard have sought for a means of starting a professional society "on their own," and they have been facilitated in achieving their purpose through the open door of the Companies Acts. Those Acts were, of course, primarily intended for the furtherance of industry and commerce, but as there are certain references in the Acts to companies "formed for the purposes of promoting art, science, religion, charity, or any other like objects, not involving the acquisition of gain by the company or by its individual members," full advantage of this loophole has been taken to form hosts of so-called professional societies.

This sort of thing should not be allowed. It should not be possible for seven people, without restriction of any kind, to arrogate to themselves, and to confer upon others the right to use, designatory letters after their names by the simple process of registering a joint stock company. The procedure is perfectly simple, involving nothing more than the presentation of certain documents and the payment of certain fees. There are virtually no restrictions on the formation of a company, and the Registrar cannot refuse registration when there is due compliance with the law affecting companies. One of the documents presented for registration is known as the "declaration of compliance." This is a statutory declaration, usually made by the solicitor engaged in the formation, though it may be made by others, and it is generally accepted as evidence of compliance with all the requirements of the law.

CLOSE THE DOOR.

The first step towards the control of designatory letters should, therefore, take the form of prohibiting the formation of so-called professional societies in this simple way. It should be a condition precedent to the registration of a company intending to confer the right to use such letters that a licence, or special order, of the Ministry of Commerce should be obtained. Applicants for such a licence should be required to give proof that the formation of such a company is necessary in the public interest. They should also be required to give notice of their intention to apply for a licence by public advertisement, and there should be a right of objection to the grant by interested parties. Upon objection being made, a public inquiry should be held by the Ministry of Commerce and the licence granted or refused according to the evidence of its need.

This procedure would be similar to that adopted in cases of certain proposed works of municipal authorities and where companies seek special powers. The matter is causing great concern among genuine professional societies, so that constant requests for some system of registration are being made. The subject of registration, while apparently simple, is full of pitfalls and difficulties. The idea of the advocates of this system is the formation of a register of accountants, engineers or other particular profession somewhat similar to the medical register. The main points usually stressed are (a) that registration should be confined to members of certain societies, and (b) that no person should be entitled to describe himself, as, say, an accountant or engineer, or to practise the profession, unless his name is entered on the register.

These schemes have, so far, failed, generally because of the difficulty of clear definition. One has only to ask oneself the question, "What is an accountant?" or "What is an engineer?" to appreciate the difficulty. To those acquainted with the various attempts to secure registration of accountants in England and Ireland no emphasis on the pitfalls likely to be encountered is necessary. In England two bills were introduced in 1910 and both failed. Not very long ago a bill was introduced in the Senate of the Irish Free State. It did not even get a first reading.

CONTROL BY LICENCE.

While registration of particular professions is a matter of great difficulty, there is nothing to prevent the passing of an Act prohibiting the formation of any more societies except under licence of the Minister of Commerce. The Act should also prohibit the use of designatory letters other than those granted by recognised universities, chartered professional bodies and such other societies as have won for themselves a high place in the public esteem. A short Act, providing for the establishment of a register of the recognised universities, professional and other societies, with the respective degrees, titles and designatory letters duly set out, and providing severe penalties for using any degrees or titles not so registered, would go a long way towards removing the present abuses.

It might even be possible to compile annual lists of persons entitled to use such degrees, with the granting of a licence to such persons upon payment of a moderate licence fee in respect of every such title. There is nothing inherently difficult in compiling a register of this kind. Legislation already provides for annual lists of shareholders in companies and lists of directors to be furnished. Anyone carrying on a trade or business in a name other than his own is required to register his true name and other details for the protection of the public. The register now suggested would be little more than an extension of this system and it might provide a further source of revenue for a harassed Minister for Finance.

Mr. Frank T. Ellis has died at Jerusalem after a short illness. He resigned a year ago from the Church Missionary Society, after thirty years' service as headmaster of Bishop Gobat's School in Jerusalem.

AN IRISHMAN'S DIARY.

Diplomatic Changes : The Price of Oysters : The Coming of Spring.
Is Dublin Dirty ? : Complaints from Pembroke : Legislators' Meals.
A Great Irish Regiment : The Want of Hotels.

Spring in the Mountains.

As I was walking through Ballyedmunduff, in the Dublin Mountains, a few days ago, I suddenly seemed to walk into the very heart of spring, or, perhaps, even summer. I had come to the cross-roads before the Glencullen one when a bewildering perfume of jasmine and other wonderful scents came to me. I looked into a gate on the opposite side of the road, and saw a bush glowing red in the grey round it. It had no leaves.

The owner of the house told me he thought it was called American Almond; that it flowered in January, February and early in March; that the leaves followed the flowers, and later on it was covered with red berries. We noticed the buds of leaves at the top of the miniature hyacinth-shaped cluster on each stem growing out of the flowers. He added that people had, from time to time, taken cuttings, but he had not heard of any of them who had succeeded in growing it. It had been there as long as he could remember. "You may come back," he said, with simple friendliness, "and look at it whenever you like."

The Price of Oysters.

I do not know if many of my readers like oysters. I must plead guilty to a liking for an occasional dozen. Yesterday I thought I would try some; but I found that the price asked at an old-established oyster bar in Dublin was four shillings a dozen, so I "cried off" oysters with great reluctance.

I suppose that oysters, like other living things in this very expensive period of the world's history, are affected by the increased cost of living; but fourpence *per* oyster seems rather a high valuation, even if the cost of sea water has "been rix" on the unoffending bivalve. I wonder if the oyster fishermen are getting the difference between the present price of 4s. a dozen and the pre-war price of 1s. 8d.

I should like to hear what Sam Weller would say if he knew the price of oysters now. Certainly they are no longer a food in which a poor, or even a comparatively poor, man can often indulge. The Minister for Fisheries might tell us if the oysters are still there, and, if so, what makes them so dear.

Diplomatic Strings.

A London newspaper calls attention to the extraordinary reshuffle of diplomatic posts now engrossing the Foreign Office, and misses the one important point about which everybody at all "in the know" is talking. The reshuffle is really due to Lord Crewe's retirement from the Paris Embassy, Sir William Tyrrell's appointment as his successor; Sir Ronald Lindsay, our Berlin Ambassador, taking over Sir William's post as Permanent Under-Secretary in Downing street; Sir Horace Rumbold's transference from Madrid to Berlin; Sir George Grahame's move from Brussels to Madrid, and so forth, including a number of impending retirements by elderly diplomats. But the fact upon which much comment is being made is the extraordinary number of these outstanding British diplomatists who are Roman Catholics, including several recent converts.

SIR G. GRAHAME.

Parliamentary Appetites.

Are our legislators eating more? I think so, for the receipts of the *Oireachtas* restaurant are growing larger. For the second time since it was established in 1923, the restaurant has shown a profit on the year's working. Usually the annual deficiency has been fairly substantial—in 1923 it was £219 13s. 10d., in 1925 £409 6s. 11d., and in 1926 £538 7s. 3d. There was a profit in 1924 of £8 0s. 10d., and of £11 8s. 9d. last year.

The explanation is that the Fianna Fail members have come into the *Dáil*. Fifty good appetites at lunch and sometimes tea (as well as occasional meals for members' constituents) have saved the taxpayer from the privilege of again footing the bill for the deficiency.

The Occult in Art.

An exhibition of "occult" pictures by Herr Nusslein, which is being held at the Alpine Club Gallery in London, has caused a little flutter among the "psychicists." This artist is introduced by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle as a painter who has no normal gifts, and produces his work only in a condition of semi-trance. Perhaps the nearest example—though on a very different plane—is our own Mr. George Russell, whose visions put on canvas in colour are, according to some critics, his most interesting work, and were done in his early days.

The difference between George Russell and Herr Nusslein is the difference between an artist and a machine. Those things of the spirit which in George Russell's case "flashed upon that inward eye" were actually seen by him before being transferred to canvas; whereas Herr Nusslein is unconscious to impressions in the result of which he has been merely an instrument as indifferent as his brush.

Judicial Overtime.

Lord Justice Sargant has just completed fifteen years' judicial service, his appointment as a Chancery Judge having taken place on March 4, 1913. There are now six High Court judges who, having served for this statutory period, are entitled to retire on pension, if so disposed. The other five are Mr. Justice Eve, with twenty years to his credit; Lord Justice Scrutton, Mr. Justice Avory, and Mr. Justice Horridge, each with seventeen years; and Mr. Justice Rowlatt, with fifteen years. On June 4th Mr. Justice Astbury also will have served for fifteen years.

MR. JUSTICE AVORY.

One reason why judges, entitled to retire, prefer to remain in harness while health and strength last may possibly be found in economic conditions and the incidence of taxation, which make the pension but a poor substitute for salary. It is a reasonable expectation, based on the facts stated, that some further judicial changes will take place this year, and, possibly, before very long.

Dirty Dublin.

This is the time of year when the Free State should be thinking of the coming tourist season, and of starting the tourist propaganda in full blast. I should suggest as a preliminary that a little "spring-cleaning" would do no harm. I was passing Westland Row Railway Station yesterday, and it seems to me in the greatest need of "a lick of paint and a slap of plaster." The old Dublin and Kingstown Railway is the second oldest in the British Isles, and the outside of the station does not seem to have had any attention paid to it since it was built almost a hundred years ago.

From the point of view of tourist traffic, Westland row is the most important station in Ireland, and the Great Southern Railways management ought to try to leave an impression on departing visitors of a clean and prosperous railway station. Dublin is gradually losing its former bad reputation of dearness and dirt; but we do not want it to be called dirty and dilapidated Dublin instead, which is the impression at present conveyed by Westland row.

Irish Hotels.

Some days ago I suggested that some gentlemen's places in Ireland that are at present lying derelict should be acquired for the purpose of turning them into hotels. The Land Commission often acquires large country demesnes for the purpose of "striping" the land among the congests, and many of these divisions have fine mansions standing on them in good repair.

The Land Commission might let some of these houses at a fair rent for the purpose of turning them into hotels. If the situations were suitable, hotels with some fishing, shooting, and, possibly, some hunting, should prove attractive, and also should bring some much-needed money into circulation.

Off the Beaten Track.

Up to this Ireland has not been properly worked, and the only districts really advertised are those that have been known for the last fifty years as tourist resorts—Killarney, parts of Co. Wicklow, and Connemara and Donegal in the Free State, and the Giant's Causeway and Lough Erne in Northern Ireland.

We never hear of an advertisement asking tourists to visit the Galtee district of Tipperary, or the Counties of Waterford or Sligo, to take a few places at random. As for West Cork, with the exception of Glengariff, it might not be on the map for all visitors to the country are ever told about it.

A Bonar Law Memorial.

The Prime Minister has done a graceful thing in adding to his engagements when he goes to Scotland in June by agreeing to unveil a stained glass window in an Helensburgh Church in memory of Mr. Bonar Law.

THE LATE MR. BONAR LAW.

It was to Mr. Bonar Law that Mr. Baldwin owed his emergence from the rank of private members by appointing him as his parliamentary private secretary, and he repaid the compliment by remaining in that post when he might have had an office in the Ministry. Mr. Baldwin served his chief with filial devotion, and the personal link between them was of the most intimate character.

It is difficult to realise that it was only eleven years ago since Mr. Baldwin first sat on the Treasury Bench. Mr. Bonar Law retained his Helensburgh home overlooking the Firth of Clyde till after he became Prime Minister, and was a regular worshipper in the local United Free Church.

Frederick Gregg.

The news of the death in New York of Frederick James Gregg will be heard with regret by many Dubliners. Mr. Gregg represented the finest type of journalist in New York, and was one of that little group which made the name of the *New York Sun* famous as a literary paper. He was associated with Charles Fitzgerald, the son of the late Dr. Fitzgerald, of Merrion street, the distinguished oculist. They were both Trinity men, and were on the editorial staff of the *Sun* for many years.

When Charles Fitzgerald left the *Sun* Mr. Gregg also changed, and became for a time editor of *Vanity Fair*. These Dublin journalists were the centre of the literary and art circle which came to be regarded as representing the classical school, in the midst of the yellow journalism of the day.

Literary Society's Lecture.

The Rev. Clarke Huston Irwin, D.D., a prominent member of the Irish Literary Society in London, who has promised that in the near future he will give an address to the society on his old friend, Father Healy, is well known on both sides of the Irish Sea.

For many years Dr. Irwin has been one of the leading movers in the work of the Religious Tract Society, and has been successively assistant secretary, home superintendent, general editor, and for the past few months its secretary.

Dr. Irwin was born at Bandon, Cork, and in May will celebrate his seventieth birthday. He studied at Bandon Grammar School and Queen's College, Cork, and later took his M.A. at the National University of Ireland. For eleven years, from 1881, he was minister at Bray, and then went to Melbourne, where he did much journalistic work.

Woman's Vanities.

I often wonder if it were possible to take a census of the industries and manufactories that have their being solely because of the vanities of woman. Yesterday I happened to look into a shop window at something that interested me, and was amused to see a pretty article in the form of a lady's handbag mirror with an electric bulb above it for lighting up the lady's face as she powdered her nose or rouged her lips.

The "Skins" Reunion Dinner.

There will be a great gathering of ex-officers of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, and ex-officers of other units who served with the "Skins" during the Great War, at the Shelbourne Hotel on March 21. Already fifty ex-officers from all parts of Ireland and England have signified their intention of being present at the dinner. March 21 is a big day in the annals of the regiment. It is the tenth anniversary of the magnificent stand made by several battalions at St. Quentin, where they valiantly stemmed a fierce German onslaught. Lieutenant-Colonel Lord Farnham, D.S.O., will be there, together with Lieutenant-Colonel A. J. Walkey, M.C.; Majors C. W. Chaloner, J. Sproule Myles, M.C., and R. L. Moore. The Honorary Secretary of the Dinner Committee (Captain S. V. Butler), who served with the 1st and the 11th Battalions of the regiment, and Captain J. C. de Lacy, M.C. (Chairman), who for a brief period commanded the 1st Battalion, are to be congratulated upon their efforts to make the function a success.

CAPT. S. V. BUTLER.

Pembroke's Shortcomings.

A correspondent writes:—"May I be permitted to draw attention to the utter inadequacy of the arrangements of the Pembroke Urban District Council with regard to the collection of refuse? A small and antiquated one-horse cart does the business as well as it can, and with many journeys to and from the dumping place. For instance, in Pembroke road on Monday, which is the heaviest morning, the cart, with great difficulty, accommodates the refuse of two-thirds of the houses and then departs to be emptied. It often is after 11.30 a.m. before the rest of the houses get served. By that time the owners of the receptacles have gone out, so that, even when empty, these are left out in front for the rest of the morning.

"In former years, when every house had only one set of tenants, the arrangements were, no doubt, adequate; but, now that the majority of the houses are divided into "flats," the need for large motor collectors is urgent. Pembroke road is one of the most attractive in Dublin, and it is a pity that it should be spoiled by the refuse which gets blown about by the wind and scattered by dogs while waiting to be collected.

"On the city side of Baggot street Bridge the houses are well served, and, as you justly remarked, the roads are now in good order, except for that most distressing bit of Lower Baggot street between Fitzwilliam street and Merrion row. To the cyclist it is torture, and is only equalled by the road from Ranelagh to Rathmines."

QUIDNUNC.

LONDON WALKS ABROAD.

STRANGE HABITS OF STATUES AND MEMORIALS

(By LUDGATE HILL.)

THE House of Commons has been authorised, by 220 votes to 103, to proceed with the erection of a monument to Lord Haig, "with an inscription expressing the admiration of this House for his illustrious military career and its gratitude for his devoted services to the State." The matter is one that affects not only the memory of Lord Haig, the dignity of the House of Commons, and the people for whom Lord Haig fought and, eventually, died; but it also has a bearing on the whole question of lapidary art.

The "inscription" on the proposed monument has been mentioned, but nothing about where that monument shall stand. Monuments, in London and other capitals, have a curious habit of wandering abroad. Few of them remain in their original place, unless they happen to be like that of King George I., which is to be seen on the top of the steeple of St. George's, Bloomsbury, clad in a Roman toga, and free from any interference, except by lightning.

When Harry the Eighth left the Pope in the lurch,
He ruled over England as head of the Church;
But George's good subjects, the Bloomsbury people,
Instead of the Church, made him head of the steeple.

It has been suggested that, in order to find a place for Lord Haig's monument, that of the Duke of Cambridge should be removed from the site which it occupies opposite the War Office in Whitehall. It would doubtless be easier to move the Duke's effigy than Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman found it to move that Royal personage from his place as Commander-in-Chief of the British Army.

TRAVELLERS.

If the Duke has to go, he will go in good company; for a round dozen of London statues have done a good deal of travelling since they took up their original positions. There is James II., for instance, at the back of the Admiralty, an excellent piece of work by Grinling Gibbons, who made him as much like Sir Johnston Forbes-Robertson as possible. James was not always there. He did a lot of involuntary "travelling" when he was alive, and his effigy has continued the habit. James was first erected behind the Banquetting Hall of Whitehall, and there stood for more than two hundred years—long enough to peg out a claim—when he was shifted to the garden of Gwydyr House, hard by. In the coronation year of King Edward he was taken off his pedestal to make way for a stand for sightseers, and cast into oblivion, and it was only the loud-voiced protest of the Jacobite League that restored him to the light and placed him where he is now.

What has become of the statues of the seven Kings which formerly stood in Westminster Hall, or of Queen Elizabeth, which used to stand on Lud Gate? In life, Queen Bess was remarkable for the number of places she slept in; in effigy for the number of her abiding places. In her niche on Lud Gate she looked westward towards Temple Bar; when she was removed to old St. Dunstan's Church, in Fleet street, she was turned round and made to face St. Paul's. She is now to be found at the side of the newer St. Dunstan's (the church which Dickens immortalised in "The Chimes") staring due south. How long she will remain there, who can say?

ROYAL STATUES.

There used to be outside St. Paul's a group of statuary representing Queen Anne surrounded by figures emblematical of England, Ireland, France, and the North American Colonies. It has gone these forty years, and you must now seek it in a private garden near Hastings, just as you must look in the ground at Harrow Weald, which belonged to Sir W. S. Gilbert, for the statue of King Charles I. that used to stand in Soho square; or at Aldershot for the effigy of the Duke of Wellington, which dominated Hyde Park corner. The Duke, by the way, was the only man who lived to see his own statue in London.

Royal statues have done a little pushing themselves, as when King Edward VII. came to Waterloo place he ousted the effigy of that distinguished soldier, Lord Napier. But, as a rule, it is the Royal effigy which has to go. In 1675 Sir Robert Vyner, goldsmith to King Charles II. and Lord Mayor of London, procured from Leghorn an equestrian statute of John Sobieski, King of Poland, who was shown trampling on a Turk. Being a fervent Loyalist, and also, like Mrs. Gilpin, "of frugal mind," Sir Robert caused a little alteration to the effigy to be made. The Polish monarch was given a new head and changed into King Charles, the overthrown Turk made to do duty for Oliver Cromwell; and the whole was set up on a lofty pedestal in Stock's Market. Here it remained until 1738, and the market was demolished to make room for the London Mansion House. Its next home, for more than forty years, was an inn-yard in Aldersgate, and then it was given to a descendant of Vyner, Lord Mayor, who carted it off to his home in Lincolnshire, where it was struck up on an island in the fish-pond. To-day it must be sought at Newby Hall, near Ripon.

These things are not as they should be. Reputations wax and wane with the rolling of the years, and we think less of Charles II. than did, say, Sir Robert Vyner. Beyond this, one would not care to push the comparison; but one may say that the first care of the committee which will have the Haig monument in their keeping—having decided what that monument shall be—should be to secure a permanent abiding place. Haig stood firm enough in resistance on the Western Front; his effigy should for all time be made fixed and immovable.

THE CUTTY SARK.

DEATH OF CAPTAIN WOODGET.

The Times announces that Mr. Richard Woodget, the captain of the famous clipper ship, Cutty Sark, died yesterday at Burnham Overy, Norfolk, aged 82. When sixteen years of age Woodget went to sea as an apprentice, and after serving in the Old White Hat he was given command of the Cutty Sark, which traded in the Australian wool trade. It is recorded that in all his ten years of command Woodget never hove her to.

He retired from the sea and bought a farm on the Norfolk coast. When the Cutty Sark was brought back from the Portuguese owner Woodget took command of her again, and took her on a visit to Fowey to be flagship at a regatta.

PRINCE SPEAKS IN SPANISH.

WELCOMING ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR.

The Prince of Wales began and ended in Spanish when he proposed the toast of the Argentine Republic, at a banquet in London last night, in honour of the first Argentine Ambassador to London, Dr. José E. Uriburu. The guests included Mr. Winston Churchill, Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, Sir John Cadman, Lord Kylsant and Lord Birdwood.

The banquet was organised by the principal financial and commercial institutions interested in Anglo-Argentine enterprise. Lord Revelstoke presided.

"WHISPERING GALLERY" AT THE "Q" THEATRE.

At the "Q" Theatre another mystery play, written by the clever Irish actor, Mr. Percy Robinson, and Mr. Terence De Marney, entitled "Whispering Gallery," was produced for the first time.

It opens with a prologue at a "studio" in a village in Cornwall in 1897, during which an artist kills his wife because he believes he is not the father of their son. The rest of the action takes place at the present time, and deals with the grown son's return to the home of his birth, in spite of repeated warnings that it is unsafe for him to venture in the old house. The night of his return he is killed, and the detective who has accompanied him sets to work to unravel the mystery.

After various alarms and excursions, it is discovered that the insane father, who had escaped from an asylum, had been living in the "studio" for two years, cared for by the old butler, who had sent the warnings. The piece is well constructed, and has some genuine thrills.

A strong cast includes Wallace Geoffrey, George Merritt, Dodo Watts and Louise Hampton.

Mr. James Larkin was among the passengers who arrived at Kingstown yesterday.

SHAW'S SERIAL PLAY.

"BACK TO METHUSELAH" AT THE COURT THEATRE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

LONDON, Tuesday.

Sir Barry Jackson last night started his revival of the Shaw serial play, "Back to Methuselah," at the Court Theatre. Only the first two parts were given—namely: "In the Beginning" and "The Gospel of the Brothers Barnabas." These parts will be played all this week.

Next week parts three and four will be played—"The Thing Happens" and "The Tragedy of an Elderly Gentleman"; while the following week the play will be completed with the presentation of part five—"As Far as Thought Can Reach."

Miss Edith Evans, as the Serpent, was remarkably effective in make-up and speech; while Miss Frangcon Davies, as Eve, was excellent in the scene describing her numerous children's human weaknesses. Mr. Matthew Boulton caricatured the Lloyd George mannerisms to the life, and Mr. Clifford Marquand made polished suavities and conscious distinction of the other politician gently amusing.

I do not think that Mr. Shaw's young girl is very well observed. He may possibly know that the modern girl uses slang, but a young woman just back from the university does not say "Cheese it" to a Prime Minister in her father's drawingroom.

"YOUNG WOODLEY" AT THE SAVOY THEATRE.

"Young Woodley," the clever and delicate play by John Van Druten, which I described a few weeks ago, was performed last night in public for the first time at the Savoy Theatre. It will be remembered that the Censor, Lord Cromer, banned the play for public exhibition, but, having seen it performed in private, had the courage to alter his mind and justly gave it a licence.

With the exception of Miss Kathleen O'Regan, the play is presented by the original cast. Miss O'Regan's part was taken over by Miss Frances Doble, who, beautiful as she is, did not play the master's wife with as much sympathy and insight as Miss O'Regan. Mr. Frank Lawton repeats his splendid performance as the sensitive young boy who falls in love with his schoolmaster's wife. The play was received with the greatest enthusiasm.

BROADCASTING PROGRAMMES.

TO-DAY.

DUBLIN (2RN)—319.1 Metres.

1.30-2.0 p.m.—Weather Forecast and Gramophone Concert. 6.0—Gramophone Concert. 6.15—Fair i dTir na nOg—Maire Ni Oisin, William Lemass, and F. J. McCormick. 7.0—Talk: "Losten Cookery." 7.10—Talk: "Some Experiences of a Trade Union Organiser"—L. Bennett, I.W.W.U. 7.30—Gaedhlig—Micheal O Maolain as Arsaigin. 7.45—German—O. von Wenckstern. 8.0—Station Orchestra—"Valse Fantasie" (G. Goldman), "Les Cloches de Sans Souci" (Lowen), "Danse Persane" (Evenaden). 8.35—Mamie Dingle (soprano)—"Silent Moon" (V. Williams), "Blue Bells from the Clearings" (Walker), "Night Fall at Sea" (Phillipe), "The Little Birdie" (Puccini). 8.50—J. J. Monks (piano)—"The Doll Dance" (Brown), "Nola" (F. Arndt), "Rufenreddy" (B. Barry). 9.0—A Chat to Children—Tschaikowsky—H. E. White. 9.15—Celeste Orchestra. 9.30—"Deailoch" Quartette—"Rest Comes at Eve" (A. Jessen), "Dreamy Town" (Chambers), "Three Knights" (Rowley), "A Catastrophe" (Sprague), "London Town" (E. German). 9.45—Crofton Repertory Company—Sketch: "You're a Cuckoo" (G. F. Mountford). 10.15—Station Orchestra—"The Fairies' Wedding" (De Jong), "Forest Woods" (Ancliffe). 10.30—Weather Forecast.

BELFAST (2BE)—306.1 Metres (980 Kc.).

12.0-1.0, 2.30—London programme. 4.0—Station Orchestra. Maude Hunter (mezzo-soprano). 5.0—"En Route for the Hague—Holland," by May Gilchrist. 5.15—Children. 6.0—Organ Recital by Fitzroy Paget. 6.30—From London. 7.45—Band and Pipers of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. Conductor, Mr. W. C. Windram. Samuel Adams (baritone). 9.0-11.0—From London.

LONDON (2LO)—361.4 Metres (830 Kc.) and DAVENTRY (5XX)—1,604.9 Metres (187 Kc.).

10.15 a.m.—Religious Service. 10.30 (Daventry only)—Greenwich Time and Weather. 11.0 (Daventry only)—The Gershom Parkington Quintet and Kathleen McCormack (mezzo-soprano). 12.0—The Gershom Parkington Quintet and Philip Ritte (tenor), Maud Bell (violoncello). 1.0-2.0—Fraser's Orchestra. 2.30—Mr. A. Lloyd James: "Speech and Language." 2.50—Music. 3.0—Mr. J. C. Stobart and Miss Mary Somerville: "Stories in Poetry—VIII., Heroic Lay." 3.30—Music. 3.45—Capt. L. F. Ellis: "Our Interest in Good Government—II., How Good Government Affects our Safety and Health." 4.0—Light Classical Concert. Mabel Corban (contralto), the Gershom Parkington Quintet. 5.15—Children. 6.0—London Radio Dance Band. 6.20—Royal Horticultural Society Talk. 6.30—Greenwich Time, Weather, and News. 6.45—London Radio Dance Band (continued). 7.0—Dr. T. Carnarvis: The Ministry of Health—I. 7.15—Duets for Two Pianos, played by Dorothy Folkard and Muriel Warne. Variations in G (Mozart). 7.35—Prof. A. V. Hill: "Speed, Strength and Endurance in Sport—II., The Muscle and its Energy." 7.45—A Light Orchestral Concert: Barrington Hooper (tenor), Wireless Orchestra. 9.0—Weather and News. 9.15—An Interview with Dr. Charles Eastman, Chief of the Sioux Indians. 9.30 (Daventry only)—Shipping Forecast. 9.35-11.0—"Rampa," a play by Max Mohr. 11.0-12.0 (Daventry only)—Dance Music: The Riviera Club Orchestra.

DAVENTRY EXPERIMENTAL (5GB)—491.8 Metres (610 Kc.).

3.0—Chamber Music, from Birmingham. Frank Cantell (violin), Elsie Stell (violin), Arthur Kennedy (viola), Leonard Dennis (violoncello), S. C. Cotterell (clarinet), Phyllis Sjostrom (soprano). 4.0—London Radio Dance Band. Harley and Barker (entertainers), Roy Stuart (Scots comedian). 5.45—Children. 6.30—Greenwich Time, Weather and News. 6.45—From Birmingham, Pattison's Salon Orchestra. William Frith (baritone). 8.0—New Friends in Music. "John Ireland," introduced by Percy Scholes and Frank Laffitte (pianoforte). 9.0—A Masonic Programme, from Birmingham. Studio Augmented Orchestra. Kingsley Lark (baritone). 10.0—Weather and News. 10.15—Dance Music, George Fisher's Band from the Kit-Cat Restaurant. 11.0-11.15—The Riviera Club Orchestra.

CARDIFF (5WA)—353 Metres (850 Kc.).

4.0—Station Trio. Robert Donat (Benaonian actor). 5.15—Children. 6.0—From Swansea. 6.20—From London. 7.45—"A Romance of Spain," a concert opera by Vincent Thomas. 9.0-11.0—From London.

MANCHESTER (2ZY)—384.6 Metres.

(780 Kc.):

12.0-1.0—Gramaphone Records. 2.30—London Programme. 3.30—Alan Hitchen (pianoforte). 3.45—London Programme. 4.0—Orchestra. 5.0—Teresa Russell (soprano). 5.15—Children. 6.0—From London. 7.45—Vaudeville: Emmie Finder and the six Harmony Girls, Wallace Cunningham, the ventriloquial entertainer, Zena Bell (pianoforte), Frank Hall-King and Company present "Cook Gets her Notice," by Harold Simpson. 9.0-11.0—From London.

LIVERPOOL (6LV)—297 Metres.

(1,010 Kc.)

2.0—Gwen Price (soprano), Mary Abbott (pianoforte), Walter Hatton ('cello). 3.45—London Programme. 5.15—Children. 6.0—From London. 9.35 A Maritime Recital: Gordon Bryan (pianoforte), Cuthbert Smith (baritone). 10.30-11.0—"A Traveller Returns," a play by Clemence Dane, played by the Liverpool Radio Players.

BOURNEMOUTH (6BM)—328.1 Metres.

(920 Kc.)

12.0-1.0—Gramaphone Records. 2.30—London Programme. 5.15—Children. 6.0-11.0—From London.

NEWCASTLE (5NO)—312.5 Metres.

(960 Kc.)

12.0-1.0—Gramophone Records. 2.30—London Programme. 4.15—Music. 5.15—Children. 6.0—Isobel Fullarton-James (pianoforte). 6.30—Royal Horticultural Society's Bulletin. 6.30—From London. 7.45—Toni Farrell (pianist-entertainer). 8.0—Elliot Doble (bass). 8.15—E. J. Bell (flute). 8.30—Toni Farrell: Songs at the piano. 8.37—Elliot Doble. 8.45—E. J. Bell. 9.0-11.0—From London.

GLASGOW (5SC)—405.4 Metres (740 Kc.).

11.0-12.0—Gramaphone Records. 3.15—Broadcast to Schools. 4.0—Wireless Quintet. Anna Ferguson (mezzo-soprano). 5.0—Rosaline Manson: "Women's Part in Village Life: II., in Covenanting Days." 5.15—Children. 5.58—Weather Forecast for Farmers. 6.0—Music. 6.30—Mr. Dudley V. Howells: "Horticulture." 6.30—From London. 6.45—Juvenile Organisations' Hall, (in Girls' Guildry. 7.0—From London. 7.45—Will Hay (the international schoolmaster). 8.0—Glasgow Bach Society's Chamber Concert. 9.0-11.0—From London.

TO-MORROW.

DUBLIN (2RN)—319.1 Metres.

1.30-2.0 p.m.—Weather Forecast and Gramophone Concert. 6.0—Gramophone Concert. 6.15—Fair i dTir na nOg; Ann Penhallow, Hilda Shott's Trio and Jimmy O'Dea. 7.0—Gramophone Concert. 7.30—French: Mlle. Giudicelli. 7.45—Hfr. Story Talk: Seanus acCathmhaoil. 8.0—Rhoda Coghill (piano): Keltic Sonata: (a) Maestoso, (b) Simplico Tenemmente. (c) Molto Allegro Con Fuoco. 8.30—Station Strings. 8.50—Beryl Booth-man (contralto): "A fire of turf," "A Soft Day" (C. W. Stanford), "The Rakish of Bethlehem" (Thompson), "A day's end" (H. Hughes). 9.40—Station Orchestra: Request Music. 9.0—Dorothy Day: Daniel Corkery's Poems. 9.15—Miss. V. Worcolai Whelan's Dance Orchestra. 10.30—Weather Forecast.

DAVENTRY EXPERIMENTAL (5GB)—491.8 Metres (610 Kc).

1.10-1.50—A Dinner Hour Service (from Birmingham), relayed from St. Martin's Parish Church. Speaker, Sir Harry Verney. 3.0—A Symphony Concert. The Bournemouth Municipal Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Dan Godfrey. Soloist — Backer-Goondahl. 4.30 — Orchestra. Harry Sennett (tenor). Frank Newsom (organ) (from Birmingham). 5.45—Children. 6.30—Greenwich Time, Weather and News. 6.45—From Birmingham: Harry Sennett (tenor), Frank Newsom (organ), Harry Scarratt (violoncello). 7.45—"A Romance of Spain," a concert opera by Vincent Thomas. 9.0-11.0—From London.

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DARTRY ROAD SHOOTING INQUIRY.

FIRST SITTING OF TRIBUNAL TO TAKE EVIDENCE.

COUNSEL'S STATEMENT FOR THE CIVIC GUARD.

The judicial inquiry set up by the Government of the Irish Free State to inquire into the shooting of Timothy Coughlan at Dartry road, Dublin, on the evening of 28th of January last, was resumed in the Council Chamber of the Dublin City Hall. Counsel for the Civic Guard stated that all the available witnesses would be produced by the authorities, and he appealed to any persons who could throw any light on the case to come forward and give evidence.

Evidence was taken from a number of witnesses before the Tribunal adjourned until this morning.

The members of the Tribunal are Messrs. G. P. Cussen, District Justice (Chairman); Cyril Beatty, District Justice, and M. S. Troy, District Justice.

STATEMENT BY COUNSEL.

APPEAL TO ABSENT WITNESSES.

Mr. Bewley, K.C., said that they had a very large number of witnesses to examine, and, in order to point out the relevance of their evidence, he would briefly outline the circumstances of the shooting. The Government, he said, was desirous to give every possible assistance to the Tribunal which might throw light on what had happened. Every witness that they had been able to get hold of would be called and submitted for examination. He wanted to make it clear that, whoever may be in possession of facts which would not be put before the Tribunal, it was not either the Civic Guard or any of the public services of the State. He thought that he would be able to place before the Tribunal such facts as would enable them to form a clear opinion as to how the death of Coughlan came about, and which would, once and for all, put an end to ill-founded, and some of them, he regretted to say, deliberately false, rumours which had been circulated.

It would be proved beyond doubt that on the night of the 28th of January a murderous attempt was made on the life of Intelligence Officer Harling, and what followed was in defence of that attempted murder. Harling, who was an Intelligence Officer attached to the Civic Guards, left his office at about a quarter past six on the evening in question, and, as a police car was going in the direction of where he lived, James Whelan, the driver of the motor car, told him that they would drop him near his home. In the car was also Superintendent Driscoll, who was being driven to Kenilworth Park, where he lived, and when they got near the lodge of Wood Park, where Harling lived with his wife and child and father-in-law, he left the car near the Roman Catholic Church. That was sometime before 6.30 o'clock. As he walked along Dartry road towards the lodge of Wood Park he saw two men, one wearing a black coat and the other a brownish coat, sitting on the seat on the opposite side of the road. As he proceeded, these two men got up, and Harling became suspicious. When he went on a few paces he stood to see the intention of these men, and they walked on at their side of the road. When Harling got to the recessed entrance to Wood Park two shots were fired. Having already had suspicions, he was ready to use his Webbly revolver, and he fired one shot back. He ran to the corner of the gate, and the two men ran after him from the other side of the road. More shots were fired at Harling, certainly not less than two, and when Harling got round an angle near the door of the lodge the leader of these two men fired two further shots at him. Just as Harling was going in the door of the lodge he fired a second shot.

THE WOUNDED MAN.

Harling rushed to the door and shouted to people in the kitchen to bolt the door. Thomas Redican, under cover of Harling's revolver, went out and bolted the door. Everyone in the lodge waited for some minutes, fearing that the attack would be continued, and then Thomas Redican opened the door. Outside on the path he saw a man lying, who appeared to be groaning. They were not certain whether it was a ruse or not, and they asked several times if the man was hurt, but they got no reply. Redican then went out to the body, and found at the right-hand side an automatic pistol, which he gave to Harling. The man was taken into the kitchen by Harling and James Redican.

Counsel said that if that story was true there was no question but that an attempt was made on the life of Sean Harling, and that what he did was actuated by motives of self-defence.

Dealing with the evidence of the other witnesses, counsel said that a witness named Jackson would state that he saw two men standing some distance from Wood Park Lodge shortly after the firing of the first shots.

"We have not been able to get the attendance of these two men," said counsel, "and it is possible that they were there on a perfectly legitimate purpose. If so, I trust that, when publicity is given to the importance of their evidence, they will consider it their duty to come here and give the Tribunal what assistance they can. If they do not, I do not suggest that it is a necessary assumption that they were not there for a legitimate purpose; but I think that I am entitled to say that their conduct certainly justifies criticism and inquiry. We have, with the utmost endeavours, failed to trace their identity, and we are anxious that these men should come and give evidence of what they might have seen on that night."

Counsel also mentioned that they had been unable to trace the identity of a girl who spoke to one of the witnesses—a Mrs. Davy—at the time of the shooting. He wished to take the opportunity of publicly inviting her to give evidence at that Tribunal.

RAN AGAINST A LAMP-POST.

The evidence of Mrs. Davy was that she heard shots and saw a man in a black overcoat leave the gate of Wood Park Lodge and hurrying in the direction of the tram terminus at Dartry road. He was later seen by other witnesses hurrying still, and, in fact, so great was his desire to get away and his distress of mind that he ran into a lamp-post and fell to the ground.

When the Guards arrived at Wood Park Lodge Coughlan told this story. To have made it up so quickly he would require to be almost superhuman.

The medical evidence, said counsel, showed that Coughlan was shot in the back of the head. This might be explained by Coughlan turning round when he saw Harling reach the door of the house and then turn to fire at him. It might also be caused by his being shot by his confederate. The only witness who could throw any light on this was Coughlan's companion, and he did not think that anything that he could say would induce him to come forward and give evidence.

SOME SUGGESTIONS.

Mr. Bewley said it was suggested a week ago that Harling should have been put in the dock and put on trial for murder. There was no evidence to justify such action; on the other hand, the evidence was such as to show Harling to be as innocent as any man in the room.

Counsel went on to say that, in cross-examination at the inquest, suggestions were made that Coughlan had been sandbagged. Redican was asked how he came to be home on leave at that week-end. Those questions could have only one meaning—that Coughlan was killed as the result of a concerted plan between Redican and Harling.

Mr. Lynn protested against Mr. Bewley's references to those matters now and not at the inquest proceedings, "where he had not the courage to deal with them."

Mr. Bewley said that evidence would be produced to refute these suggestions. It would prove the utter groundlessness of the insinuations, and it was on the strength of this cross-examination that the Coroner's jury made their request for a further inquiry.

Mr. O'Connor, K.C., said that it was a remarkable thing for Mr. Bewley to impeach the Coroner's jury.

A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE.

Mr. Bewley went on to say that in a weekly newspaper of February 4th last, Mr. S. McEntee, T.D., made a number of remarkable statements. "I want to say," said Mr. Bewley, "that a more baseless series or a more untrue series of insinuations has probably never been made by any person holding a responsible position, and purporting to be a responsible politician."

Referring to the passage in the article which stated that, along with Harling in the motor car were three other men, Mr. Bewley said that, in his cross-examination at the inquest, Harling said that he got a "lift" on a Ford touring car, in which were Superintendent Driscoll and Driver Whelan, as far as the Catholic Church. The suggestion made in this article was that the murder was committed by the persons in this car. It was, said Mr. Bewley, a suggestion made deliberately, and made without the slightest foundation of any kind. Another passage in the article was a deliberate accusation of a number of Civic Guards of a deliberate and sordid murder done by those in the police car, which, it was suggested, was standing there all the time, whereas, in fact, it had taken Superintendnet Driscoll home.

This article, went on counsel was not a *bona fide* desire to arrive at the truth. The second paragraph suggested that the bullet marks on the lodge had been manufactured "after the manner of Sergeant Sheridan," and he need hardly explain to the Tribunal what that was meant to convey. Here was the deliberate suggestion that the firing at Harling never took place, and that the shots were fired at the cottage by the Civic Guards. That was the only meaning in the reference to Sergeant Sheridan. If the article meant anything, it meant that the evidence which would go before the Tribunal was a fabrication. "When Fianna Fail comes into power," stated the article, "the murder of Timothy Coughlan will not go unpunished." It clearly implied that the murder was committed by particular men, and there was brought into close connection with it an attack on the Government.

SERIOUS STATEMENTS.

Was this article written recklessly and deliberately for the purpose of making capital? One would have thought that a man in Mr. McEntee's position would not have made such serious charges without some foundation against servants of the State. Even Mr. McEntee now seemed to have realised that it was a disgraceful article and that the conclusions that he arrived at he was not prepared to stand over because in the assembly of the representatives of the country he stated that he had been accused of having already decided that certain persons were guilty of murder, and that that was very unfair, but he (Mr. McEntee) had made it quite clear in the article who he suspected committed the murder. Mr. McEntee was legally represented in that Court, and he presumed that his counsel would be prepared to do one of two things: either to substantiate the charges made, or give an absolute withdrawal; and he thought before the witnesses were called he was entitled to have elicited from the legal representative of Mr. McEntee and of the party to which he belonged, whether it was his intention to make the case set out in the article, or whether Mr. Maguire would prevail upon his client to withdraw from his position, which, he (counsel) thought, was untenable. He would, therefore, ask the Tribunal to elicit from Mr. Maguire that information.

The Chairman said that, as far as he was aware, Mr. Maguire did not represent Mr. McEntee, but appeared for the organisation of Fianna Fail. It did not follow that he appeared for Mr. McEntee, and he would not ask him for a reply to such a question.

Mr. Bewley said that Mr. McEntee was a member of Fianna Fail, and spoke on behalf of the organisation, and if his friend said that that statement—"This much is certain, that when Fianna Fail comes into power the murder of Timothy Coughlan will not go unpunished."—was unauthorised, then, of course, he had no more to say; but if they did not repudiate it their legal representative should be asked what attitude he was going to take up.

The Chairman said that he saw no reason to alter what he had already said. As far as the Tribunal could see it was merely a personal expression of opinion of Sean McEntee.

Mr. Bewley said he could not press it any further.

WITNESSES CALLED.

Mr. Richard Gore, a Board of Works official, gave evidence as to various maps he had made of the neighbourhood of the shooting.

The shrubs in the vicinity, he said in cross-examination by Mr. O'Connor, would be a place in which there was a splendid opportunity for laying an ambush. He did not see any bullet-marks inside the house, nor was his attention called to any by the detective who showed him over the house. He saw holes in the ceiling, but the detective said that they were not bullet-marks, and he (witness) did not think that they were.

THE FORD MOTOR CAR.

Superintendent Fionan O'Driscoll, Detective Branch, in reply to Mr. Bewley, stated that on January 28th, about 6.15 p.m., he drove in a Ford touring car, accompanied by Intelligence Officer Harling and the driver, through Rathmines to Kenilworth square. At this spot Harling alighted, and the witness proceeded home, arriving there at 6.25 p.m. There was no foundation for the statement that there were three men, in addition to Harling, in the car. On hearing of the shooting he went out to Dartry road.

Mr. Lynn (cross-examining)—How long have you known Detective Officer Harling?—About nine months.

How long has he been in the detective force?

Mr. Bewley—Do not answer that question. There were cries of "Yes" from the public galleries at this remark, which were immediately silenced.

Mr. Cussen—That is a question which, if admissible, can be put to Harling.

Mr. Lynn submitted that a detective officer could not claim privilege. The only person who could do so was the head of the Government department.

The Chairman said that privilege was claimed in every country for such a service as the Intelligence Service.

Mr. Bewley said that he was claiming privilege on behalf of the Government department.

Mr. O'Connor said that if Mr. Bewley stated that he was acting on behalf of the Civic Guard on their instructions, and that he claimed privilege, he accepted it.

Mr. Bewley—Certainly, I am.

Mr. Lynn—Then we may take it that Mr. Bewley was not sincere when he said that he wanted the fullest investigation.

The witness was cross-examined as to the ill-treatment of a prisoner named William O'Donoghue in Waterford. He denied having beaten or tortured that prisoner. As a matter of fact, O'Donoghue had sworn at the inquiry that he was not beaten by the witness.

Answering further questions, the witness said that he frequently gave Harling a "lift" home—generally a couple of times a week. He received the revolver from Harling in the Detective Office, and had just received it when Superintendent Ennis came in.

THE MOTOR LOG BOOK.

Detective Christopher Doyle produced the motor log book, showing the times when the car, in which was Superintendent O'Driscoll, left Pearse street and returned again.

Cross-examined by Mr. Lynn, the witness said that the log book showed that the number of passengers carried on the first occasion was one. The entries were made by him on information supplied by the driver.

DRIVER'S EVIDENCE.

James Whelan, the driver, gave evidence as to driving Superintendent O'Driscoll in the car on the night of the shooting. Harling was taken as far as the church, and there dropped, after which he went on to the Superintendent's house. He drove back to the Detective Office, and later to Rathmines, the Meath Hospital, and to Dartry.

Mr. O'Connor pointed out that on the second journey the log book recorded that four persons were carried.

The witness said that these were carried at different times during the night. He drove Detectives Coogan, Sherlock, and O'Brien to the Meath Hospital as an escort for the ambulance.

Mr. O'Connor—On your first journey you make a return as having carried only one person?—Superintendent O'Driscoll was in charge of the car, and Harling was carried unofficially.

What were you trying to suppress?—I was not trying to suppress anything.

Why did you not return correct information as to the number of people carried that night?—I gave a correct return. I carried these men at different times that night.

Answering Mr. Maguire, the witness said that he took notes in a pocket-book of the time that he left the office.

He handed in the pocket book, and, having examined it, Mr. Maguire said there were no entries in it after those relating to the present incident.

The witness said that the book was only a "jotter," and the entries were mixed up every way.

Further examined by Mr. Maguire, he said that he was positive that he remained outside Superintendent O'Driscoll's home while he was having tea.

WHAT A MESSENGER SAW.

Daniel McGowan, a messenger, stated that on the night of the shooting he was delivering parcels to Wood Park, and he heard shots coming from the opposite side of the road to that of Wood Park. He saw two men running across the road towards the lodge at Wood Park, and then he heard another shot. He saw two men at the corner of Wood Park Lodge, or corner of St. Kevin's Park. The witness waited for a time at the corner of St. Kevin's Park, and then went to the lodge. He noticed a two-seater motor car on the road below Wood Park Lodge. He then walked in to deliver the parcels to the lodge, and saw a man lying on the ground in the porch, his head being towards the porch, his legs towards the gate and his face towards the road. The witness turned back, and went to the tram terminus on his tricycle delivery car, and returned to the lodge a short time after, and delivered the parcels. At that time the man had disappeared. He knocked at the lodge door, and he was asked who was there. He told them, and they took the parcels.

Cross-examined by Mr. Lynn, the witness said that he did not see anything in the hands of the men who ran across the road towards the lodge. He did not see any man run out from the gateway.

Answering Mr. Fitzgerald, the witness said that he got frightened when he heard the shots, and turned back. It was too dark to see anything in the hands of the men whom he saw running across the road, and the distance was too great.

Asked if he had seen the two-seater motor car in the same place on any other occasion, the witness said that he had seen it there a few days afterwards. It was a Morris two-seater.

The inquiry then adjourned till 10.30 this morning.

THE APPEARANCES.

Mr. C. Bewley, K.C.; Mr. C. Lavery, K.C., and Mr. E. J. Kelly (instructed by the Chief State Solicitor) appeared for the Civic Guard.

Mr. Joseph O'Connor, K.C., and Mr. Alex. Lynn instructed by Mr. P. Campbell) appeared for the next-of-kin.

Mr. John Fitzgerald, with whom was Mr. T. Finlay (instructed by the Chief State Solictor) represented Intelligence Officer Sean Harling attached to the Civic Guard.

Mr. C. Maguire (instructed by Mr. P. J. Little, T.D.) held a watching brief on behalf of Fianna Fail.

ROYAL INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

FORTHCOMING CONGRESS IN DUBLIN.

The Royal Institute of Public Health is holding its annual Congress in Dublin this year, from 15th August to 20th August. The Hon. President is the Governor-General of the Free State and the President is the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

The University of Dublin, the National University of Ireland and the Royal Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons are giving their cordial co-operation, and delegates are being invited from the Governments and municipalities, and other public bodies and universities of England, Scotland and Northern Ireland, as well as from France, Belgium, Italy and the United States of America.

The Executive Committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. Commissioner Murphy, and a Finance Committee, with Alderman Hubbard Clark as Chairman, have been appointed.

By kind permission of the Commissioners the offices for the Congress are at the Mansion House.

The Congress will be conducted in the following sections:—

1. State Medicine.
2. Bacteriology, Pathology and Biochemistry.
3. Maternity and Child Welfare, and School Medical Inspection.
4. Production and Control of Milk and Food.

The Hon. Secretaries to the Congress are: Mr. G. J. Sherlock, Town Clerk; Sir William Thompson, and Dr. Russell, Medical Officer of Health, Dublin.

THE LATE MRS. ALICE ISABELLA CROZIER.

The funeral took place yesterday at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, of Mrs. Alice Isabella Crozier, widow of the late Most Rev. Dr. Crozier, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland. It was attended by a large and representative assembly of mourners. The remains were removed on Monday night from Newcastle-on-Tyne to Belfast, and yesterday morning they were brought in a motor hearse to Armagh.

At the entrance to the Cathedral, where the Funeral Service was held, the procession was met by the Dean of Armagh and members of the Church of Ireland Men's Society. The coffin was placed immediately below the chancel steps.

At the Service the lesson was read by the Primate, the Most Rev. Dr. D'Arcy, and Canon Tichborne read the sentences before committal.

The burial took place in the Cathedral burying ground, beside the remains of the late Primate and his son, Mervyn Pakenham Crozier.

The chief mourners were:—Canon Crozier, Incumbent of St. Ann's, Dublin (son), and Mrs. Crozier (daughter-in-law), the Very Rev. H. M. M. Hackett (brother), Major W. P. Walsh, and C. C. Coote, Newcastle-on-Tyne (sons-in-law).

There were many beautiful floral tributes.

THE LATE COLONEL CHARLES PEPPER, D.L.

At a meeting of the Meath Diocesan Council held on Thursday last the following resolution, proposed by the Archdeason of Meath, LL.D., and seconded by Mr. G. R. Hyde, was passed in silence:—

"That the members of the Diocesan Council of Meath, at this their first meeting after the death of Colonel Charles Pepper, D.L., desire to express their deep sorrow at the loss which the Church of Ireland, and especially the Diocese of Meath, has sustained. For more than thirty-three years Colonel Pepper had been the Financial Secretary of the Diocese, and the delegate from Meath to the Representative Church Body. During all that time he devoted himself wholeheartedly to the interests of the Church and Diocese. They remember with thankfulness his liberal contributions to every good work, and especially the renovation and beautifying of the church at Julianstown. The members of the Council feel that by his death they have lost a dear friend, and that the remembrance of his kindly disposition and unselfish devotion will ever remain with them as a treasured memory."

CHURCH SERVICES.

Rathmichael Church.—Special Lenten Service and sermon to-day at 5.45 p.m. Preacher, Rev. J. Purser Shortt, B.D.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Dublin (a Branch of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass.), 35 Molesworth street.—Services—Sunday, 11.30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday School 11.30 a.m. Wednesday (Testimony Meeting), 8 p.m. Christian Science Reading Room, same address, is open to the public daily from 11 a.m.

PRODUCTION AND MARKETING.

PROPOSED NATIONAL CONFERENCE.

The Committee appointed on Wednesday last by the General Conference on Marketing, to consider the steps to be taken to convene a National Industrial Conference had an informal exchange of views with Mr. P. Hogan, Free State Minister for Lands and Agriculture, and Mr. P. McGilligan, Minister for Industry and Commerce, at Government Buildings, Dublin, yesterday morning.

The General Conference on the Marketing of Irish Meat and Live-Stock met for the first time in December last, and requested the Free State Government to take steps to control the export of pork on lines designed to safeguard the development of the trade. The Conference on that occasion also nominated representatives of the Irish Farmers' Union and the cattle trade to discuss with the railway and shipping companies reductions in the freight charges on dead meat and live-stock.

The Associated Railway and Shipping Companies, after some private meetings, gave a welcome reduction of the transport charges on pork, but stated that they were unable to reduce the freights on live-stock.

This result was reported to the General Conference when it resumed its deliberations at the Irish Farmers' Union offices last Wednesday, and it was decided to call on non-party lines a national conference representative of industrial, business and transport interests, to examine possibilities further.

The informal interview at Government Buildings yesterday was confined to discussion of the scope of such a national conference and the ways and means of arranging preliminaries. Detailed consideration is necessary in connection with many problems on both the agricultural and commercial sides, and also in relation to transport as affecting all branches of industry and trade.

THE LATE MR. B. F. HANRAHAN.

IMPRESSIVE FUNERAL.

The funeral of Mr. Brian Fitzgerald Hanrahan, of 52 South Richmond street, Dublin, the young Rugby football player, who met with such a tragic death during a match at Lansdowne road last Saturday, took place yesterday from St. Mary's Church, Haddington road, Dublin, to Dean's Grange Cemetery.

The Requiem Mass was celebrated by the Rev. John Hooke, C.C., assisted by the Rev. M. Dwyer, C.C., and the Rev. C. Skehan, C.C.

There was a very large and representative congregation at the church and also at the funeral. All the Rugby football clubs in Dublin and many from other districts, including Limerick and Cork, were fully represented, together with the Irish Rugby Football Union, the Association of Referees, and various sporting bodies, schools and colleges, and the general public.

The coffin was borne to the graveside on the shoulders of six comrades of the late Mr. Hanrahan.

There were many beautiful wreaths.

The chief mourners were—Messrs. Edgar and Charles F. Hanrahan (brothers), and Messrs. D. and V. Fitzgerald (cousins).

The following Irish Rugby football clubs were represented:—

I.R.U.—H. J. Millar (Vice-President), J. J. Coffey, W. Hinton, W. Clarke (Hon. Treasurer), R. Jeffares (Secretary), H. W. Thrift, W. Warren.

Leinster Branch Executive Committee—Dr. A. D. Clinch (President), W. H. Acton (Hon. Secretary, Junior Section), G. H. Sonelle, W. G. Fallon, F. Harris, A. F. O'Connell, R. Solomons (Hon. Treasurer), V. Drennan (Hon. Secretary).

Association of Referees—T. F. Slack (President), Dr. Beckett, T. Bell, W. A. Daish, S. P. Mercier (Hon. Secretary), R. de C. Wheeler.

Lansdowne R.F.C.—J. Coffey, W. E. Crawford, Noel Purcell, E. O'D. Davy, C. P. S. Hogan, J. Cullen, J. E. Arigho, M. Crowe, J. McAuley, M. Bermingham, A. Tuthill, T. W. Davy, A. Rose, R. deJarres, junior; T. A. O'Reilly, M. J. Dunne, W. J. Young, J. Jones, A. Whiteside, J. Anketell, T. Harris, W. Bell, T. E. Crean, S. Cross, S. Chambers, F. Conroy, W. A. Deane, J. Ring, H. Gibson, A. H. Orr, A. C. Orr, J. J. Fagan, J. Dalton.

Wanderers R.F.C.—The Rev. R. M. Watson, P. F. Murray, T. West, J. D. Clinch, F. C. Tucker, D. G. Phillips, R. L. Bermingham, D. Kennedy, D. M. Rigby, R. D. Fleming, A. J. Harr.

University College R.F.C.—T. J. Morris, J. C. Conroy, P. F. Donovan, P. J. Roche, K. J. Keohane, E. Hogan, M. J. Brennan, J. C. O. Lyddy, D. Treacy, F. Meagher, E. T. McCann, J. Barrett.

Dublin University R.F.C.—A. McM. Buchanan, R. B. Pike, J. O. McGuire, J. J. Greally.

Civil Service R.F.C.—J. McCullagh, M. Kelly, T. Byrne, M. Fennell, J. Doran, P. Gallagher, A. McGahan, M. Bowler, J. Byrne, J. McCormick.

Palmerston R.F.C.—J. E. Hanna, C. A. Saville, V. S. Kirwan, J. Graham, W. C. Stephen, S. Henchie, S. S. Kirwan, E. J. Dallaghan, W. Molony, H. T. B. Macauley, D. D. Hussey.

Athlone R.F.C.—P. Leninan, W. J. Moore.

Carrick-on-Suir R.F.C.—F. Russell, J. A. Power.

Monkstown R.F.C.—R. M. Scott, M.A.; H. J. Miller, J. R. Ganly, R. C. Mulhern, W. A. Armstrong, Captain J. R. Ramsey, R. Swanton, R. A. Ross-Todd, B. Kelly, Captain R. McGovern, N. B. Macgowan, Captain F. J. Harris.

Cork Constitution R.F.C.—T. R. West.

Blackrock College—T. F. Slack, P. J. O'Reilly, E. Maguire, S. M. A. Keogh, A. Boland.

Bective Rangers R.F.C.—F. Brane (President), F. P. Freeman (Vice-President), L. Egan, J. A. O'Donnell (Hon. Treasurer), T. E. Murphy (Hon. Secretary), R. Hutchinson, W. P. Gollogly, E. Power, C. Carroll, J. J. Fitzsimons, F. J. O'Rourke, J. J. White, J. L. Farrell, J. A. Farrell, J. A. G. Doyle, G. Doyle, J. Bergin, C. Ballagh, J. Bellagh, G. J. McWilliams, J. J. Sheehan, W. J. Sheehan, J. Delany, J. Hogan, A. Boland, R. Power, D. Hickey, J. McMorrogh, G. Colgoy, G. Arigho, A. J. Hawe, C. Carroll, W. J. Nerney, J. C. Arigho.

Clontarf R.F.C.—G. F. Healy (President), D. Boland (vice-president), T. Bell (ditto), R. H. Treacy (hon. treasurer), W. D. Ryan (capt.), M. A. Roche, N. A. Cooke, W. E. Morgan, S. E. Polden (hon. secretary).

Limerick Bohemians R.F.C.—T. F. Crean (capt.).

Cork Dolphin R.F.C.—V. Casey.

Rockwell College—G. K. Ring, M. R. Lloyd, E. J. McGuinness.

Castleknock College R.F.C.—The Rev. J. F. O'Connor, C.M. (President); the Rev. C. Murphy, C.M.

Garryowen R.F.C.—M. J. McMahon, S. Christy (hon. secretary).

U.C.D.M.S. R.F.C.—F. Farrell, W. C. Ruddick.

Old Wesley R.F.C.—V. Casey (President), R. V. Massey, F. C. Kapp (capt.), W. Hunter (hon. secretary), A. Kingsmith, F.C.

Bank of Ireland R.F.C.—H. T. Dallaghan.

Irish Sporting Press—J. M. Whitehead, H. V. Linehan, J. B. Reidy, M. J. Brunicardi, M. F. Byrne, J. J. Treacy, T. B. Burgess and R. T. C. Blake.

The Young Munsters R.F.C.—Mr. G. J. Killeen (hon. secretary).

The Imperial Tobacco Company R.F.C.—G. W. Kennedy, V. Egan, E. J. Daley.

Clontarf Swimming Club—D. C. Maher, E. J. Lightfoot.

I.A.A.A.—Dr. J. Beckett (President, Leinster Branch) and J. Bennett.

Pembroke S.C.—H. G. Ellerker and A. B. Brookes.

Among the general public were:—Senator Barniville, M. R. Lloyd, C. H. and G. C. Higginbotham, H. J. O'Rourke, J. C. Byrne, K. O'M. Barrett, C. Burgess, W. J. Delany, A. J. O'Brien, J. C. O'Brien, R. Knoggs Craig, R. K. Craig, H. D. Purdon, Mr. and Mrs. D. Culhane, Lionel Cranfield, jun.; F. J. Kenny, J. Carroll, P. J. Stokes, G. S. A. Daly the Rev. E. S. Searight, M.A.; the Rev. T. Hill, C.C., Rathgar; Dr. Connor O'Farrell, J. M. Meade, solicitor; J. Barrett, solicitor; E. J. Downes, G. H. Moran, P. J. S. Grady, G. B. J. Johnston, J. Leggett Byrne, H. M. Harper, T. Whelan, Miss O'Carroll, Miss E. Devine, the Rev. Father Hickey, A. J. Hare, Clontarf C.C.; F. V. Manning, M. J. Dalton, J. C. Oakes, M. P. Rudell, D. and J. Robertson, F. M'Phillips, P. M. M'Sweeny, Dr. J. Figbe, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Beary.

The prayers at the graveside were said by the Rev. T. Hooke, C.C., assisted by the Rev. H. O'Connor, C.M., and the Rev. Austin Murphy, C.M., Castleknock, and the Rev. Father Aidan Roberts, O.F.M., Athlone.

Wreaths were laid on the grave from Edgar and Charles, Lansdowne, Wanderers, Dublin University, University College, Old Wesley, Rective, Monkstown, Palmerston, Clontarf, Blackrock, Dolphin, Ulster Branch I.R.U., Dublin Bankers, Imperial Tobacco Co., Cork Constitution, Leinster Branch R.F.U. Association of Referees, Garryowen Rugby Football Club, National Bank Lawn Tennis and Hockey Club, Limerick Bohemians, the boys in 53 South Richmond street, Friends, Hawkins street and Red Bank, Jack Meade, Staff National Service Garage, Mrs. O'Reilly, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Beary, Mrs. O'Shea and family.

PORTADOWN CONTRACTS.

Portadown Town Council has accepted the tender of Mr. Thomas Holmes for the scavenging of the streets for twelve months at £1,000. The contract for domestic scavenging went to Mr. James Boyce, who quoted 1s. 8d. per load, and Mr. William Holmes, jun., was given the contract for the carting of stones at 1s. 3d. per ton.

WATERFORD HARBOUR BOARD APPOINTMENT.

The Waterford Harbour Commissioners yesterday, Sir Henry J. Forde presiding, appointed Mr. John Stephenson, Kilmeaden, cashier, in the room of the late Mr. Laurence Walsh.

PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS.

THE NEW TRAINING SYSTEM.

HOW PREPARATORY COLLEGES WORK.

Nearly three years ago the Irish Free State Department of Education decided to abolish the monitorial system in primary schools. The system had broken down, and was condemned by teachers and parents alike. It was found to result in a serious wastage of time, energy and public money, and so it was wisely determined to abolish it.

In the place of the monitorial system, it was decided to establish a chain of seven preparatory colleges to prepare students for the training colleges proper, and, side by side with this, to provide for the training of pupil-teachers at recognised day and boarding secondary schools. The new system of preparing recruits for the training colleges has been in operation for some time past, and the results, so far, have fully justified the experiment.

Five of the seven preparatory colleges have been established, and are at work. *Colaiste Caoimhin*, which is at Marlborough Hall, Glasnevin, has 119 Roman Catholic boys in training; *Colaiste Moibhi*, which is also situated at Glasnevin, has 32 Protestant boys and girls; *Colaiste Ide*, at Burnham House, Dingle, County Kerry, provides for the training of 46 Roman Catholic girls; *Colaiste Brighde*, Falcarragh, Donegal, has 42 Roman Catholic girls in residence, and at Rockhill House, Letterkenny, where the *Colaiste Muire* has been temporarily placed, there are 49 Roman Catholic girls in training. It is proposed to found a new preparatory college at Tourmakeady, Ballinrobe, to which will be transferred the girls at present in training at Rockhill House. A further college for Roman Catholic boys is to be set up at Furbough House, near Spiddal, and at a later date the seventh college will be established.

The Bishop of the diocese in which each of the colleges is situated is the manager of the college. Thus, the Most Rev. Dr. Gregg is manager of the Protestant College at Glasnevin, and the Most Rev. Dr. Byrne is manager of the Roman Catholic College.

OBJECT OF THE SCHEME.

The object of the preparatory college and the pupil-teacher scheme is to give to the training college a suitable type of candidate whose education is up to the secondary school standard. This the monitorial system largely failed to do. It is anticipated that a little less than one-half of the recruits for the training colleges can be provided by the preparatory colleges alone, when these are in full operation. The remainder of the recruits will go to the training colleges direct from the secondary schools, where they have been trained as pupil-teachers. The students at the preparatory colleges do a four-year course, taking the intermediate certificate usually at the end of the first two years, and the leaving certificate at the close of the succeeding two years. Pupil-teachers who have already done a two or three-year course in a selected secondary school finish their secondary school education in the following two years, and take the leaving certificate examination. The students from these two sources of supply, on having passed the leaving certificate examination, enter the training college.

The fee payable by a student attending a preparatory college is £40 a year, but this may be reduced according to the financial circumstances of the student's parents. In the case of a student whose parents are unable to pay, the fee may be remitted at the discretion of the Department. In the case of pupil teacher students a grant up to a maximum of £40 per annum may be made for the maintenance and training of those at residential secondary schools, and up to £16 per annum for a student attending a day secondary school. This, of course, entirely depends upon the financial circumstances of students' parents.

There is keen competition on the part of girls for admission to the preparatory colleges, but the competition among the boys is not so keen, although a sufficient number has entered the colleges. This applies also to the pupil teachers applying for admission to day or boarding secondary schools.

Except in the case of English, all the teaching at the preparatory colleges is done through the medium of Irish. The subjects taken during the four-year course are Irish, English, mathematics, including algebra and geometry; history, including European history; geography, rural science, drawing, domestic science (for girls) and manual instruction (for boys). During the fourth year the students will give a considerable time to the practice of teaching, if possible, in neighbouring primary schools. Reports made by the Department's inspectors indicate that a very high standard is being maintained at all the colleges.

FOUND SHOT IN STABLE.

DEPRESSION FROM CHILL AT DAUGHTER'S GRAVE.

At the inquest in Newry yesterday on Mr. Robinett Grandy, M.B.E., an income-tax collector, aged about 78 years, who was found fatally shot in the stable of Mr. James Heather, Water street, Newry, after making a call on Monday, the jury brought in a verdict that the cause of death was due to injury to the brain from a bullet wound self-inflicted, and that at the time the deceased man was not mentally responsible as the result of depression following influenza and insomnia. They tendered sympathy to his family.

The Coroner (Mr. R. S. Heron) associated himself with the vote of sympathy, and Head-Constable Henry expressed sympathy on behalf of the R.U.C.

Mr. H. A. Rutherford, in acknowledging the vote of sympathy on behalf of the relatives, said that last Christmas Eve the deceased man went down to Clonallon to lay a wreath on the grave of his daughter, who had died the previous year, and, the weather being very severe at the time, he contracted a chill, which developed into an attack of influenza that brought on insomnia and depression. He was a man who was loyal not only to his job, but to the British Government, and for his loyalty on the occasion of the raid on his house the M.B.E. was conferred on him by His Majesty at Buckingham Palace.

Mr. Norman Williams, in his evidence, said that latterly one of his districts had been taken from the deceased man, and that and the state of his health, he thought, caused him to be depressed.

Mr. Hogg, a juror, said that he thought that the loss of his daughter affected him greatly.

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He said that how the musical tone proper was first discovered, and whether wind or string instruments were the earlier, were matters of conjecture. It was suggested that the sound of the wind blowing across the tops of hollow reeds was responsible, and that the first musical instrument was similar to the pastoral "Pan's Pipes."

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IN THE
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THURSDAY, MARCH 8th, 1928,
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EDWARD M. STEPHENS, B.L.
Subject:
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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ABOVE
Will be held in
THE ENGINEERS' HALL, 35 DAWSON STREET, DUBLIN,
TO-NIGHT (WEDNESDAY), at 8 O'CLOCK.
SENATOR SIR JOHN KEANE, BART., will preside.

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Admission 1/-. Ticket for the Course, 3/-.
Holders of Tickets for the Course are requested to be in their places before 3.50 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

THE ROYAL INNISKILLING FUSILIERS.
EX-OFFICERS' RE-UNION DINNER,
SHELBOURNE HOTEL, DUBLIN,
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21st, 1928.
Officers who served with, or were attached to, the Regiment during the Great War, are requested to write for details or send "dinner" cheque as early as possible to
The Honorary Secretary,
Inniskilling Dinner Committee,
Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin.

TO ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS.
Cumann na nInnealtóirí (the Engineers' Association) advises all Engineers, whether members of our Association or not, to refrain from stating the level of salary expected when answering the Electricity Supply Board's questionnaire, pending the consideration of a minimum scale by the newly elected Council and other interested bodies.
SEÁN Ó hUADHAIGH, Hon. Sec.

CORPORATION OF DUBLIN.
CREATION OF STOCK.
Pursuant to the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890, and the regulations issued thereunder, Notice is hereby given that the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of Dublin (acting by the Commissioners of the County Borough of Dublin), at a specially convened Meeting, held on Saturday, 29th October, 1927, adopted the following resolution:—
"That under the authority and subject to the conditions of Part Five of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890, the Urban Stock Regulations, 1892 and 1905, the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, conveyed by letter dated 13th October, 1927, to the borrowing by us of the sum of £10,770 for the purpose of making an advance under the provisions of Section 5 of the Dublin Reconstruction (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1924, and the Consent Order of the said Minister, entitled the Dublin County Borough (Stock) Order No. 3, 1927, authorising the exercise of our borrowing powers in respect of the said sum of £10,770 by the Creation and Issue of Stock under the said Urban Stock Regulations, we do hereby create Stock, to be called Dublin Corporation Five per Cent. Redeemable Stock, to be issued to an amount calculated at the sale price to produce Ten Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Pounds.
"That such Stock shall be issued at not less than ninety-five per cent., and shall bear interest at the rate of five pounds per centum per annum, payable half-yearly, on the 1st January and 1st July.
"That such Stock shall be redeemable at par on the 1st day of January, 1976, the Dublin Corporation having the option of redemption at par, in whole or in part, on or after 1st January, 1946, on giving six months' notice, and shall be transferable in books and not by deed.
"That the agreement already entered into with the Commissioners of Inland Revenue for payment to them of a composition for Stamp Duty on transfers of Stock be made applicable to the Stock to be issued under this resolution. And that we hereby authorise the issue by the City Treasurer of the Stock created by this resolution, subject to the conditions embodied in the resolution adopted by the Commissioners of the County Borough of Dublin on 31st July, 1926."
GERALD J. SHERLOCK,
Town Clerk.
Town Clerk's Office,
City Hall, Dublin,
6th March, 1928. X.A.A.

THE LAST DAY
OF
THE RETURN VISIT
OF
REGINALD T. NAISH
TO
DUBLIN.
THE TWO FINAL LECTURES WILL (D.V.) Be Delivered in the DIOCESAN HALL, UPPER BAGGOT STREET.
4.15—"A CHARIOT OF FIRE."
8—"ARMAGEDDON."
Our Lord's Return is most certain, most literal, most glorious, and most desirable. Let our Divine topic invite to a real and ever deeper, more hallowed, and more submissive study, and kindle a more ardent longing and animate to a holier walk.—The Lake the Right Rev. Handley C. G. Moule, D.D., Lord Bishop of Durham.

INCORPORATED ASSOCIATION FOR THE RELIEF OF DISTRESSED PROTESTANTS, 45 MOLESWORTH STREET.
Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Incorporated Members will (D.V.) be held in the Boardroom, on Wednesday, the 14th of March, 1928, at 5 p.m. Business—To receive the Report and Statement of Accounts; to Elect the Committee of Management for 1928-29 and Auditors, and for the transaction of any other business incidental to a General Meeting.
By Order,
GEO. D. WILLIAMS,
Secretary.
Dated this 7th March, 1928.

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GOVERNMENT NOTICES.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.
POSITION VACANT—
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The Civil Service Commissioners invite applications for the post of Supervising Instructor in Poultry-keeping and Butter-making under the Department of Agriculture. Candidates must have acted in the capacity of Instructor in Poultry-keeping and Butter-making under a County Committee of Agriculture in Ireland, or have passed the necessary qualifying examination for that post, or possess qualifications in Poultry-keeping and Butter-making that would qualify them for the post of County Instructor. Maximum age limit, 40 years. Salary, £100 by £10 a year to £200 a year, plus cost of living bonus. At present bonus on £100 is £76 5s. 0d. Latest date for receiving applications, 19th March, 1928. Application Forms and particulars may be obtained from the Secretary, Civil Service Commission, 33 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, C.2.
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LOCAL APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION.
POSITION VACANT—ASSISTANT COUNTY SURVEYOR.
The Local Appointments Commissioners invite applications for the whole-time, permanent and pensionable position of Assistant County Surveyor, Donegal County Council. Salary £175 a year and bonus (at present the bonus on £175 is £40 10/-), together with vouched travelling expenses. Age limits 25 to 45 years, with an extension of the maximum limit in favour of existing Assistant County Surveyors. Latest date for receiving applications, 20th March, 1928. Application Forms and particulars may be obtained from the Secretary, Local Appointments Commission, 33 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, C.2.
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AN ROINN OIDEACHAIS.
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SEOSAMH O NEILL, Runaí.
An Roinn Oideachais, Marta, 1928.
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COIMISIUN TALMHAN NA hEIREANN.
(Irish Land Commission.)
NOTICE TO BUILDING CONTRACTORS.
Sealed Tenders, addressed to the undersigned and marked "Tender for Works," will be received up to, but not later than, 12 o'clock noon on the 23rd MARCH, 1928, for Erection of 3 Dwellinghouses and 3 Out-offices at Tulla, Lissenhall, near Nenagh, Co. Tipperary, in accordance with plans and specifications to be seen at this office or on the lands, at the hour of 12 noon on 12th March, 1928, when an Inspector will attend there to point out sites.
A copy of the plans and specifications may be obtained on application to this office on deposit of £1, which will be refunded on receipt of a bona-fide Tender.
In considering the placing of this Contract special regard will be had to the extent to which firms submitting Tenders employ, or are prepared to employ, demobilised officers and men of the National Army.
The Commissioners will not be bound to accept the lowest or any Tender.
JOHN T. DRENNAN, Secretary.
Coimisiun Talmhan Na hEireann
(Irish Land Commission)
Sraid Uachtarach Mhuirbhthean
(Upper Merrion street),
Baile Atha Cliath (Dublin).
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NOTICE.
MR. WM. M. O'BRIEN, Auctioneer, of Killorglin, has been instructed by the Irish Land Commission to Sell by Public Auction, at the Court House, Killorglin, on Tuesday, 20th March, 1928, at two o'clock p.m., that part of the lands of Meanus, containing 93 acres and 1 rood, or thereabouts, Statute measure, comprised in Folio No. 8502, Barony of Trughanacmy, and County of Kerry, now or formerly in the occupation of William R. Evans, held in fee-simple, subject to a Land Purchase Annuity of £66 1/6, payable by half-yearly instalments of £33 0/9.
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For Conditions of Sale apply to the Auctioneer; or to
HENRY M. P. HARE, Solicitor to the Irish Land Commission, 21 Upper Merrion street, Dublin.
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PUBLIC NOTICES.

ALLIANCE AND DUBLIN CONSUMERS' GAS COMPANY.
Notice is hereby given that the Transfer Books of the Company will be Closed from the 14th to the 27th MARCH, 1928, both days inclusive.
W. J. GREY, Secretary.
24a D'Olier street, Dublin,
6th March, 1928.

The Irish Times.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 1928.

NEWS SUMMARY.

IRELAND.

The Dublin rates for the coming year will be 14s. 6d. in the £, a reduction of 10d.—(Page 7.)

The foot-and-mouth restrictions are being removed from a large part of the County Wexford as from to-day. After the 16th instant store cattle can be landed in Great Britain, subject to a detention of fourteen days at their inland destination.—(Page 7.)

The Duke of Abercorn yesterday opened the new session of the Northern Parliament.—(Page 11.)

The foundation stone of the new Parliament House for Northern Ireland will be laid by the Duke of Abercorn on May 22nd.—(Page 11.)

For their spring show and sale of cattle at Belfast yesterday the Royal Ulster Agricultural Society had the largest total entry since the year 1920.—(Page 13.)

The judicial inquiry set up by the Free State Government to inquire into the shooting of Timothy Coughlan at Dartry road, Dublin, on January 28th last, held its first sitting for the purpose of taking evidence at the Dublin City Hall yesterday.—(Page 5.)

The Londonderry Feis was opened yesterday, the day being devoted to children's competitions.—(Page 8.)

GREAT BRITAIN.

The House of Commons last night gave a second reading to the British Guiana Bill, which proposes, among other things, to create a new Legislature.—(Page 8.)

The bishops met in London yesterday to discuss the position in regard to the revised Prayer-book.—(Page 7.)

A necklace of 57 cream, rosy pearls has disappeared between Paris and London, and a reward of £5,000 has been offered.—(Page 7.)

SPORTING.

At Hawthorn Hill yesterday Scotch Eagle won the March Handicap Steeplechase.—(Page 12.)

FINANCIAL.

London Stock Markets were rather irregular, with violent fluctuations in some "Records." Shares.—(Page 10.)

Loans in Lombard street, owing to stringency in credits, were made at 4 to 5 per cent. Discount rates were firm.—(Page 10.)

In Dublin the market fluctuated. Marconis and Tobaccos were weaker. Railway Stocks moved irregularly.—(Page 10.)

Two Irish Cities.

The King's Speech, which was read in the Parliament of Northern Ireland yesterday by the Duke of Abercorn, indicates that, while the Northern State has not yet regained its former wealth, the economic situation is improving. The linen trade is recovering some of its lost ground. A big campaign of "publicity" has been undertaken in the United States, and, despite the fact that linen largely has gone out of fashion, the demand for Ulster fabrics is beginning to grow again. The Duke of Abercorn told Parliament that the Government proposed to renew the grant by means of which the advertising campaign was financed and to extend its sphere of operation. Ship-building still is suffering from the paralysis which fell upon it after the war. Belfast's yards, however, have been quick to accommodate themselves to the new condition of affairs, and they are now in a position to turn out the most modern type of oil-burning or motor vessel, and to compete on favourable terms with all their foreign competitors. The news that the firm of Workman and Clark is being taken over by a Scottish syndicate has given new hope to the workers, and there is no doubt that, if and when the long-awaited "boom" in ship-building arrives, Belfast will be ready for it. For nearly ten years the Northern capital has been passing through a period of slackness unprecedented in its history. The time has come now when better things may be expected.

The prosperity of Northern Ireland depends so largely on the welfare of Belfast that the province's well-wishers have been following with some anxiety the recent disclosures concerning the inner workings of the Belfast Corporation. There was a time when Dublin looked with envious eyes at the business-like conduct of the Northern city's municipal affairs; for Dublin suffered for years under a Corporation which, for sheer inefficiency, had few equals in Europe. Since the appointment of the Dublin City Commissioners, nearly four years ago, however, a great change has been wrought in the affairs of the Irish capital, and now the rates again have been reduced—this time to 14s. 8d. in the pound. When the Commissioners came into office the Dublin rates stood at 19s. 2d. Belfast, faced by grave scandals in its Corporation, has tackled the problem with great energy. The Lord Mayor's Committee of six has been appointed as the only reasonable alternative to the dissolution of the Corporation and the transfer of its functions to paid Commissioners. Sir William Turner believes that Commissioners will be unnecessary, and that his Committee will be able to put Belfast's house in order within a short space of time. It has been asserted that, with the introduction of proper business methods, as much as 2s. in the pound can be saved. Belfast's rates—if we exclude the 2s. water rate—stand at present at the comparatively low figure of 10s. 10d. in the pound. If, therefore, the Lord Mayor's Committee fulfils expectations, the Northern capital next year may have a lower rate than any other city of its size in the British Isles.

North and South are divided by an artificial boundary; yet, just as Dublin and Belfast have been faced with identical problems of municipal administration, the two States in which they are situated are being required to tackle identical problems of a dozen different kinds. The two Irish Governments are working virtually in water-tight compartments. An exception must be made in the case of the Ministries of Agriculture, whose heads meet from time to time informally; but, although Messrs. Archdale and Hogan have set an excellent example to their colleagues, none of them so far has seen his way to follow it. When the December agreement of 1925 "settled" the boundary problem the Free State and Northern Governments undertook to meet and consult each other from time to time when matters of common interest should arise. President Cosgrave announced in *Dáil Eireann* last week that no such meetings had taken place, although more than two years have passed since the agreement, and matters of common interest are arising as often as a train or a motor car crosses the frontier. Both Governments are seriously to blame. At present any dealings which one may have with the other are conducted *via* London, although Dublin is in direct communication with Washington. Surely this condition of affairs ought to be remedied without further delay. If the Free State will not take the initiative, it ought to be taken by Northern Ireland. Neither State can afford to maintain the preposterous pretence that the other is a foreign country.

Tangier and Italy.

The new agreement between France and Spain holds some promise that the problem of Tangier may be settled in the early future. Since the time of Charles II. Tangier has been a place of strategic importance, and to-day its status concerns every European Power which has interests or ambitions in the Mediterranean. It is administered, under the Sultan of Morocco's suzerainty, by a sort of *condominium* that operates—not very harmoniously or satisfactorily—through international courts and an international police force. The present Statute of Tangier was arranged, in 1923, at a conference between Great Britain, France and Spain. Italy was not represented, and during the last five years she has indicated in significant ways—notably by the despatch of an Italian squadron to Tangier last summer—that she claims substantial rights and privileges in the international zone, and does not hold herself bound by an arrangement in which she had no voice. After the Franco-Spanish defeat of Abd-el-Krim, Spain, who had suffered much through Moorish intrigue in Tangier, demanded that the international zone should be incorporated in her own protectorate or that she should control it as mandatory of the League of Nations. When England, France and Italy rejected these proposals Spain modified them largely, and now, after protracted discussions, she has reached an agreement with the French Government. It maintains the framework of the Statute of Tangier, but France accepts the appointment of a Spanish Inspector-General of Police, whose advisory powers would be extensive. At Sir Austen Chamberlain's suggestion these preliminary conversations will be followed now by a conference between France, Spain, Italy and England. The conference will be held in Paris, and Italy's presence will invest it with a special and very lively interest. If she agrees with the other Powers that the problem is strictly limited—a problem of reform rather than of revision—a sound agreement ought to be reached without much difficulty. England, France and Spain recognise Italy's rights in Tangier, and all four Powers must benefit by more efficient administration within the international zone. If it is proposed, however, that the whole Convention of 1923 shall be abandoned, that an entirely new status shall be found for Tangier, and that there shall be a disturbance, however slight, of the balance of power in the Mediterranean, a strong conflict of views will be inevitable. England certainly will refuse to surrender the Tangier Convention, and in this matter it is probable that she could count upon French support. On the other hand, if Italy is ready to be satisfied with adequate representation in the control of Tangier under the existing scheme, the Paris conference may have good results which will not be confined to Northern Africa. It may promote a general settlement between France and Italy of the various differences which have impaired their relations during recent years.

The Pope and France.

Before long France will hold elections on which much will depend. Political and financial stability require a strong Government and an end to the vacillation caused by an indecisive state of parties. There is weighty importance, therefore, in the publication by Cardinal Dubois, Archbishop of Paris, of a letter which he has received from Cardinal Gasparri, the Papal Secretary of State. This letter, which is entitled "Pontifical Instruction to French Catholics," affirms that it is the duty of all citizens to accept the Republican *régime*, since it constitutes the established form of government. The Pope regards systems of government with indifference. Roman Catholics are equally free to champion republican or monarchical policies, so long as the constituted authority is obeyed. The political object of those who desire a change, the letter says, ought to be to seek modification of the existing system "in conformity with the Christian ideal," and "not to cause the downfall of the *régime*." This pronouncement—although it is but a fresh affirmation of the teachings of the three Popes who have spoken on the acceptance of the Third Republic, Leo XIII., Pius X. and Pius XI.—is likely to exert a considerable influence on the movement of party politics. In effect, it condemns finally the attitude of those monarchists whose policy is expressed by *L'Action Française*. The refusal to recognise the legality of the Republic, the propaganda which denounces the present system of government in France as contrary to Christian principles—these are rendered untenable by loyal Roman Catholics. A large vote thus is likely to be transferred from the futile and disruptive Royalist group to parties representing conservatism which is loyal to the State. It may be that this transfer will be sufficiently weighty to turn the balance of the elections and to determine the character of the next French Government. The letter, moreover, is likely to have far-reaching religious results. France is peculiar in that it is the common folk who are most stoutly opposed to religion. This fact is due to the late identification of the Church by the Royalists—mostly people of education and social standing—with hostility to the Republican *régime*. The removal of the grievance may help a religious revival.

Awards to Inventors.

The Royal Commission on Awards to Inventors has issued its report for the years 1926 and 1927. The Investigating Committee examined 67 claims. Among the awards were £25,000 to one firm for improvements in internal combustion engines; £12,850 to another for improvements in submarines; £7,000 to an inventor in respect of rifle grenades; £3,500 to another for a method of "decoppering" guns; and other large sums to firms and individuals for "wireless" reception apparatus, improvements in flying boats, a new balloon, new methods of signalling and Diesel engines for submarines. Lieutenant-Colonel J. T. C. Moore-Brabazon, M.P., was awarded a substantial sum for aircraft cameras. The awards remind the observer that the keenest ingenuity of the race still is called forth by the demand for ever deadlier weapons and more efficient means of waging war. So, doubtless, it must continue, until the day when all nations are leagued in a common rejection of warfare. To-day the State naturally—and, indeed, rightly—rewards the man of science who furnishes potent new means for the safeguarding of the nation's independence. His service is vital. On the other hand, the inventor who contrives means to lessen the daily drudgery of the house or to increase the amenities of travel, though he be in truth a benefactor of the race, has a smaller claim to material compensation. The nation's safety must be served before its comfort. Throughout history it is preparation for war that has built highways and perfected ships, and peace has profited by the toils evoked by conflict. The "decoppering" of guns will yield, perhaps, some industrial economy, and the new aircraft camera, besides spying upon enemies in battle, will enlarge the pleasures of peace.

WEATHER FORECAST.

General Inference.—Pressure is high North and North-West of Scotland. Depressions over North-West Germany and off South-West Ireland are moving slowly South-East. Rather cold weather, with north-easterly winds, is expected, even to the South-West of England, where some rain is probable, and some sleet or hail will occur in Scotland, Northern England and Eastern England.

Ireland, all Districts.—Wind east to north-east, fresh to strong at times; mainly fair; rather cold.

South-West Seaboard.—Wind south-west, backing to east or north-east, becoming fresh to strong; cloudy; occasional rain; visibility poor at times; sea becoming rather rough.

DIXON and Hempenstall Barometers and Thermometers. 12 Suffolk street, Dublin.—(Advt.)

DUBLIN WEATHER REPORT.

Mar.	Bar.	Thermometer: Temp. 9 p.m.	Max.	Min.	Grass Min.	Wind.	Rain, m.m.	Sun hour
1	29.900	42.0	52	42	40	—	0.9	3.0
2	30.048	40.7	49	33	24	W.	—	5.5
3	30.044	47.2	53	40	37	—	0.2	8.0
4	30.094	49.2	53	45	40	—	5.1	0.1
5	30.052	44.4	54	44	41	W.	5.4	2.5
6	29.980	45.2	48	42	31	—	—	—

THE SUN.

To-day.....Rises	6.59	Sets 6.14
To-morrow.....	6.57	..... 6.16
Lighting-up Time		..... 7.14.

HIGH WATER—DUBLIN.

To-day.....Morning	0. 1	Afternoon 0.18
To-morrow.....	0.54	..... 0.51

The Moon—Last Quarter, 14th.

COURT AND PERSONAL.

The King drove yesterday from Buckingham Palace to St. James's Palace, where he held the second Levée of the season. The Queen paid a private visit to the exhibition of early English needlework which was opened to the public yesterday in Sir Philip Sassoon's house in Park lane. Her Majesty was much interested in various embroidery exhibits executed by former Queens of England.

Last night the Prince of Wales attended the dinner in the May Fair Hotel given by the British Latin-American Chamber of Commerce in honour of Dr. José Evaristo Uriburu, the first Argentine Ambassador to the Court of St. James's. Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, Mr. Winston Churchill and Mr. J. C. Davidson were among those present.

Yesterday Prince Henry visited Liverpool and Manchester, and inaugurated the British Empire Cancer Campaign, which will be conducted through Lancashire, Cheshire and North Wales.

Prince George met the Queen of Spain, the Infanta Beatrice and the Infanta Cristine on their arrival from Malaga at Algeciras, and entertained them at luncheon at the Hotel Reina Cristina. Later in the afternoon the royal party made an excursion through the cork woods at Almoraime.

The Duke of Richmond and Gordon arrived yesterday at Gordon Castle, Fochabers, for a stay of some weeks. The Duchess of Hamilton has kept several engagements at Dungavel, Lanarkshire, but will return to-morrow to London, where the Duke of Hamilton has acquired a new house in St. Edmund's terrace, N.W. The Duchess of Buckingham and Chandos has left London for St. Mary's, Wimbledon, where she will remain till Easter.

Lord and Lady Rendlesham have returned to London from Monte Carlo. The Hon. Claud and Miss Clodagh Anson have arrived in London on their return from Las Palmas. Lord and Lady Shandon, who have been for a tour through California, have returned via Panama to London. General Sir Philip, Lady and Miss Chetwode arrived in London yesterday from Italy. Lord Dalmeny has returned to Mentmore Towers from the Continent. Colonel the Hon. George and Mrs. Monckton-Arundell have returned to London from India.

Sir Richard and Lady Butler have taken a house for two months near their place in County Carlow, as Sir Richard owns a fine stretch of the River Slaney. They will arrive early next month. Lady Butler is arranging an "all star" matinée for the Southern Irish Loyalists' Fund at the Chelsea Palace Theatre, London, on the 16th March.

A marriage has been arranged, and will take place in Dublin at the end of June, between William Hubert, third son of William Lambton Nicholson and Mrs. Nicholson, Anick Grange, Hexham, Northumberland, and Olive Frances, youngest daughter of John Sillery and Mrs. Sillery, Cregg House, Nobber, Co. Meath.

The engagement is announced between St. John Wyatt Hale, only son of Brigadier-General T. Wyatt Hale, C.B., C.M.G., C.B.E., and of the late Mrs. Annette Hale, and Moira, third daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Frend, Rosario, Argentina, and Kilnmeadow, Haslemere.

Mr. George P. Moore leaves 29 Upper Merrion street until the 12th instant.

Mr. MacFetridge has returned to 27 Upper Fitzwilliam street.

Owing to the large attendance at the first Hermione Lecture at Alexandra College, holders of tickets for the course are requested to be in their places at 3.50 p.m. Seats cannot be kept after that time.

Many charming Gowns and Tailormades for Spring wear are arriving daily at Switzers Costume Gallery, where the season's collections are now rapidly nearing completion. The new models are all very moderately priced—also the coats.

Charming Taillear Knit Wear, Three-piece Suits, Jumpers and Sleeveless Cardigans. Scintillating Tinsel and Bold Stripe effects. Glowing colours for Spring.—W. Holmes, Dublin, Ltd., 69, 70, 71 Sth. Gt. George's st.

Forrest and Sons are showing attractive Three-piece Suits in fine quality Stockinette from 2 gns. Angora Pasme Three-piece Suits from 4½ gns. Smart Tailored Three-piece Suits at 8 gns. Tailored Costumes made in our own workrooms from 4½ gns.—Grafton st.

Chancellor's celebrated Watches. 7 Grafton st.

Royal Hibernian Hotel, Dublin, and Salthill Hotel, Monkstown, now quoting special winter terms. Meals interchangible between both hotels. For particulars apply Manager.

Advice as to Sale.—Before Selling or Buying Pictures, Old Silver, Glass, China, Furniture, Books, Jewellery and Chattels of all kinds, those concerned should obtain the best advice as to values. For qualified expert opinion apply to Bennett and Son, Limited, Auctioneering and Valuing Consultants, 6 Ormond quay, Upper, Dublin. Founded 1803. 'Phone 376.

Spring at Slyne's! Charming new models in all departments just arrived.—Slyne's, Ltd., 71 Grafton street.

PASSENGERS IN ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.
Arrivals.—Sir Joseph Nunan, G. H. Deane, G. M. Barrett, Mrs. P. J. Morrissy, Mrs. J. Wilson, Miss J. Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. H. Gould Verschoyle, Miss Jane Grimm, Mr. and Mrs. M. Dunne, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Meldon.
Departures.—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Murphy, Matthew O'C. Fitz-Simon, P. J. O'Hanlon, H. V. Manley, Lady Tate, Miss D. Lowry, Miss Zelma Rudd, Miss Patricia Callor, the Rev. and Mrs. Gibson Bolton, E. C. Bewley, Miss D. O'Hara, Miss C. Carton, R. J. Silberry, Edward Byrne, J. J. O'Neill and Mrs. O'Neill, Major W. B. E. Rayner, Mrs. S. Samuel, Mrs. E. Saloman, Miss H. McComas, Surgeon Keegan, Miss J. R. Warner.

PASSENGERS BY B. AND I. LINE, VIA LIVERPOOL.
Arrivals.—Lady Gore Booth, J. O. Skelton, W. H. Thomson, J. Robertshaw, W. Wadsworth, F. E. Hands, C. D. Thomson, J. Lee, A. P. Ogilvie, Kirton, O. M. Brun, J. W. Taylor

...DON LETTER

...E IRAQ RAIDS.

...FLEET STREET, LONDON,
TUESDAY NIGHT.

...rliamentary papers Sir Samuel ... Air Minister, states to-day ...erations have been carried out ...to day in Iraq against the ...rauders. The operations com... ...ly bombing of raiding parties ...r objectives, but also recon... ...other action. It must be ...erefore, that the developments ...ers of Iraq and Transjordania ... and, as such, they will be ...th some little concern. It ...t the demonstration on the ... Saud is against Koweit, on ... Gulf, a territory governed by ...in under a mandate. The ...Force in command of the Iraq ... a strength of forty-five bomb... ...twelve Bristol fighters and ...ared cars, and the principal ...armament is concentrated at ...

...ir Force.

...rd Ellington, the commanding ...e Royal Air Force in Iraq, ... in supreme charge of the ... the operations against Ibn ...e Wahabi tribes, and, should ... present forces inadequate, ...s are being made for rein... ...to be held in readiness in ...stine and India for despatch, ... Sir Edward Ellington's ... are at Baghdad, but he will ...ove nearer the threatened ...fficial circles profound secrecy ...intained as to the position. ...Colonial Office to-day it was ...nothing could be said regard... ...ation, as no definite informa... ...ailable. It could not be con... ...that Ibn Saud had promised ...tance to the Wahabi. At the ...y a similar statement was ...o information was obtainable.

...f Letter.

...nment has not yet come to a ...arding the Socialist demand ...nquiry into the circumstances ...e publication of the Zinoviev ...will consider the point at to... ...abinet; but the view held ...that no case has been made ... a step. At the meeting of ... Party at the House of ...day Mr. Ramsay Macdonald, ...homas and Mr. Maxton were ... press the demand of the ... new investigation when the ...mes before the House of ...xt week. Sir Austen Chamber... ...ected back in London from ... the week-end, and in that ...ocialists will press for their ...bate to take place next ...

...tive Party.

... Minister, at the request of ...'. Davidson, has released Sir ...er from his position of joint ...ivate secretary in order that ...e up an important position ...ervative Central Office. In ... this Sir Patrick Gower will ...gn his position in the Civil ... will be a great acquisition ...at Palace Chambers; for he ...at experience in the Inland ...artment of the Civil Service, ...ition, possesses high profes... ...fications. Mr. Davidson is ...fforts in his preparations for ...lection of next year, and has ...y of the old officials with new ...there have been great changes ...al organisation of the party ...

...chrane Case.

...ons which were to have been ... the Dominions Secretary yes... ... Sir William Davison and ...rd Bury, regarding the Irish ...e affected by the decision of ...Council, have been deferred ...ay next. The situation is ...ered by the Government, and, ... is a little difficulty in the ... of the matter, it seems ...t a settlement will be reached ...stice to anybody. Whether it ...ssary to introduce a bill here ...ilar to that proposed in the ...rtain; but, as the Constitution ...assed by the Parliaments here ...Irish Free State, it is assumed ...mending bill necessarily will ... passed in both countries. I ... that the view held in Govern... ... regarding the position is that ...reaty never was meant to indi... ...ivil servants in Ireland at the ... passing should be placed in a ...urable position than civil ... this side of the Channel.

...estminster.

...little film trouble has arisen ...ster; for, by the order of the ... Chamberlain, the film taken ... Brass, M.P., of Mr. Amery ...t tour through the Dominions ...anned from exhibition within ...of Westminster. This decision ... surprise, because a film of a ...milar character relating to the ... parliamentary deputation to ...as shown in the rooms of the ...rliamentary Association, off ... Hall, some little time ago. ...reat Chamberlain has decided, ...at on no account is a film to ...gain in the Palace of West... ...d so Captain Brass, bowing to ... is trying to arrange for a ...ere. It is supposed that the ... the Lord Great Chamberlain ...e possibility of a demand that ...kinds should be shown in the ... the House.

...Election.

...ion in the St. Ives Division ...t to-day is exciting greater in... ...usual in Liberal circles; for ...ered whether it will give an ... the question whether the ...e can be held without the help ...d George. At St. Ives the sup... ...e Liberal leader has not been ...Mrs. Runciman, the candidate, ...usband, Mr. Water Runciman, ...er for Swansea, and comment ... made on the fact that Mrs. ... in her election address did not ...e Liberal industrial report, on ... Lloyd George and his sup... ...ld so many hopes. All this is ... the point that the Unionists ...ority at the last election of over ...dred, and that there is a third ...this time.

...ic Order.

...quarterly meeting of the Free... ... the Grand Lodge of England ...a minute will be submitted of a ... which has been held between ...ntatives of the Grand Lodges ..., Ireland and Scotland, con... ...tain questions of importance to ... One of the recommendations of ...rence which was unanimously ... on the motion of the Grand ... Ireland, the Right Hon. the ...noughmore, K.P., was that the ...d Lodges should be recom... ...embody in their books of con... ...a rule which would control the ...o Lodges under the respective ...risdictions of candidates whose ... of residence or domicile was in ...other jurisdictions. The Board ...er the best form in which to ...a rule applicable to the ...risdiction, and will submit a ... the effect stated at the next ...communication of the Grand

DUBLIN RATES DOWN AGAIN.

14/8 IN THE £.

COMMISSIONERS EFFECT A SAVING OF 4/8 IN 4 YEARS.

LOWEST SINCE 1918.

DUBLIN rates are down again. They have been reduced by 10d. in the £ to 14s. 8d., which is a reduction of 4s. 6d. since the Dublin Commissioners were appointed.

The following statement was issued last evening from the City Hall, Dublin:—

The Commissioners have concluded their compilation of the amount of rates necessary to be raised for the services of the City of Dublin for the year from 1st April, 1928, to 31st March, 1929, and have arrived at the conclusion that a rate of 14s. 8d. in the £ will be sufficient; the total is made up of a Consolidated Municipal Rate of 11s. 4½d. and Poor Rate of 3s. 3½d.

This represents a reduction of 10d. in the £ as compared with the rates for the current year.

The details will not be available for about a fortnight from this date, which will be occupied in having them printed.

The Commissioners took up their duties on May 20th, 1924. The rates for the past sixteen years have been:—

	s.	d.
1913-14	10	3½
1914-15	11	1½
1915-16	11	0
1916-17	9	6½
1917-18	10	8½
1918-19	15	3½
1919-20	16	11½
1920-21	20	6
1921-22	22	4
1922-23	20	4
1923-24	19	9
1924-25	19	2
1925-26	17	2†
1926-27	16	0
1927-28	15	6
1928-29	14	8

†First rate struck by the Dublin Commissioners.

The bulk of the savings for the coming year comes under the heading of "poor rate," as will be seen by the following figures:—

	1927-8. s.	d.	1928-9. s.	d.
Municipal Rates	11	5½	11	4½
Poor Rates	4	0½	3	3½

In addition to improving the public services since they have been in office, the Dublin Commissioners have made substantial reductions in the price of electricity.

BELFAST RATES.

The Belfast rate, which was increased by 9d. in 1927-8 to 11s. 5d., was reduced by 7d. last week to 10s. 10d.

IRISH BOUNDARY.

LABOUR LEADER'S HOPE.

Speaking at Middlesbrough last night, Mr. Ramsay Macdonald referred to the boundary difficulty between Northern and Southern Ireland.

An interrupter called out: "There should be no boundary."

Mr. Macdonald replied: "Nothing would give me greater pride than to go back into office and, by our handling of the Irish situation, come back to you and say that there is no boundary."

THE LANE PICTURES.

QUESTION OF INDEFINITE LOAN TO DUBLIN.

In the House of Commons yesterday Colonel Howard Bury asked the Secretary to the Treasury whether, in view of the dangers to which pictures in the Tate Gallery were subjected by flooding, steps could now be taken to make a loan for an indefinite period of all the Lane pictures to Dublin.

Mr. A. M. Samuel—The Lane collection is housed in the main galleries, far above any possible flood level. The question, therefore, of transferring the pictures elsewhere for safe custody does not arise.

Colonel Howard Bury—Does not the hon. gentleman consider that this is the judgment of God upon the Trustees of the Tate Gallery— (Cries of "Order.")

The Speaker intervened.

Colonel Lambert Ward (C., Hull N.W.)—Would it not be possible to sell these pictures and use the proceeds to compensate the South of Ireland loyalists and thereby save the British taxpayers— (Renewed cries of "Order"; and an Hon. Member: "Look at the 'Black-and-Tans.'")

The Speaker called on the next question.

NORTHERN PARLIAMENT.

FURTHER RELIEF FOR FARMERS.

A new session of the Parliament of Northern Ireland was opened yesterday by the Governor (the Duke of Abercorn). The proceedings were marked by the usual ceremonial.

A detachment of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers lined the road leading to the Parliament House, and inside the grounds there was a guard of honour furnished by No. 502 Ulster (Bombing) Squadron of the Royal Air Force. The band of the Royal Air Force was in attendance.

As the Governor arrived at the Parliament House three aeroplanes circled overhead.

The King's Speech, which was read in the Senate Chamber by the Governor, outlined the Government's programme for the session. Viscount Craigavon said afterwards that the Government had deliberately refrained from putting forward highly contentious proposals, as the most necessary thing was that everybody should get down to work.

Lord Craigavon made three interesting announcements:—

1—That the foundation stone of the new Parliament House at Stormont would be laid by the Governor on May 22nd, and that the work would be completed in four years.

2—That the military barracks at Enniskillen had been handed over by the War Office to the Northern Government, and would be used as a depôt for the Royal Ulster Constabulary.

3—That the non-statutory grant in aid of agricultural rates would be increased from £96,483 to £178,644, making, with the statutory grant, a total of £257,288.

[A full report appears on Page 11.]

The Free State Minister for Justice has made an order stating that the close season for hares in Co. Cork shall be from March 18th to September 20th, instead of March 1st to September 20th.

The Rumanian Parliament has passed a bill for the standardisation of cereals.

BELFAST CENSUS.

POPULATION NOW 415,151.

SMALLER FAMILIES: MORE HOUSES.

The first of a series of publications on the Northern Ireland Census of 1926 shows that the population of the County Borough of Belfast on the night of the Census (18th April, 1926) numbered 415,151 persons, an increase of 7.3 on the returns of the 1911 Census. The actual increase is 28,204 persons which, according to the report (issued by His Majesty's Stationery Office, Belfast), is smaller than any decennial decrease recorded since 1851.

The rateable valuation of the county borough increased from £1,527,932 to £1,793,563 over the past fifteen years, and an increase of 17 per cent. as compared with the 7 per cent increase of population recorded for the same period.

The total number of houses increased by 5.5 per cent., and the report notes a considerable reduction in the number of those uninhabited, the 1926 figure for which is the smallest recorded since 1861. The resulting position is that the number of inhabited houses has increased since 1911 by almost 10 per cent., a figure that is appreciably in excess of the population increase. The average number of persons per inhabited house showed a steady decrease from 1851 to 1911, and the decrease has continued ever since.

SMALLER FAMILIES.

The average number of persons per family, which was virtually constant for the period 1881-1911 also shows a marked fall, from 4.90 in 1911 to 4.58 in 1926.

A comparison of the 1926 with the 1911 figures of accommodation of private families reveals a decided movement towards smaller-sized units of occupation, 52 per cent. now consisting of three and four rooms as against 29 per cent. in 1911.

Comparing the housing conditions of persons engaged in the main occupation of the textile and shipbuilding industres the report finds that the families of carpenters "appear to be enjoying the most accommodation, one-half of these occupying one room or more per person." Following in order are the more skilled grades of metal workers and winders, weavers, shipyard labourers, riveters, general labourers, and last of all spinners and piecers.

MORE MEN THAN WOMEN.

The number of males per thousand females steadily decreased from 1,194 in 1881 to 1,123 in 1926. Although many more boys were born than girls, the report shows that the excess of males over females gradually decreased with increase in age until from about the age of fifteen onwards the females became the more numerous. The 7.3 per cent. increase in total population since 1911 is shown to have been distributed between the two sexes as follows:—

Marital Condition.	Increase per cent. from 1911-1926. Males.	Females.
Single	1.5	0.8
Married	20.3	18.8
Widowed	12.7	9.1

RELIGIOUS FIGURES.

The report comments that the larger increases in the married and widowed groups are a natural corollary of the increase in age of the population as a whole.

In 1861 Roman Catholics formed 33.9 per cent. of the total population of Northern Ireland; to-day they form 23 per cent. of it. Presbyterians, who numbered 35.2 of the population in 1861, to-day form 33.1 per cent. of it. Members of the Church of Ireland "and other Protestant Episcopalians," on the other hand, increased their strength from 24.6 to 32.1 per cent. of the total population; Methodists from 4.1 to 6.2 per cent., and members of denominations not stated from 2.2 to 5.6 per cent.

The totals of the various religions since 1861 are as follows:—

Year of Enumeration.	*Total Population.	Roman Catholics.	Presbyterians.	Church of Ireland and other Protestant Episcopalians.	Methodists.	Other and not stated Denominations.
1861	121,602	41,406	42,604	30,080	4,946	2,566
1871	174,412	55,575	60,249	46,423	6,775	5,390
1881	208,122	69,975	71,821	58,410	9,141	9,075
1891	255,950	67,378	87,234	75,522	15,747	12,069
1901	349,180	84,992	120,269	102,991	21,506	19,422
1911	386,947	93,243	130,575	118,173	23,782	21,174
1926	415,151	95,682	137,384	†133,100	25,701	23,284

*All figures relate to the Borough as constituted at the date of each Census. The Borough boundary was extended in 1896.

†This figure comprises 125,166 Church of Ireland, 7,914 Church of England, and 20 Episcopal Church of Scotland.

The following is the analysis of the "other and not stated denominations" taken at the last census:—

	Males.	Females.
Church of England	4,456	3,458
Congregationalists or Independent Presbyterians	2,368	2,727
Brethren	1,970	2,346
Baptists	1,809	2,091
Non-Subscribing Presbyterians or Unitarians	808	931
Salvation Army	602	739
Jews	560	589
Reformed Presbyterians	221	316
Elim Pentecostal Alliance	230	303
Catholic Apostolic Church	217	258
Moravians	209	248
United Free Church of Scotland	208	199
Protestants	184	180
International Bible Students' Association	115	172
Society of Friends	129	153
Church of God	115	114
Christian Scientists	48	90
Spiritualists	55	62
Church of Christ	62	52
Christadelphians	42	55
Free Thinkers	66	21
Assemblies of God	38	37
Seventh Day Adventists	14	37
Latter Day Saints	20	30
Testimony of Jesus	13	20
Christian Volunteer Force	12	14
Lutherans	21	5
Nonconformists	15	9
Atheists	20	4
Greek Orthodox	22	—
Episcopal Church of Scotland	12	8
Holiness Movement	7	12
*Other Denominations	46	29
Denomination not stated	671	517

*This heading comprises denominations each of which had less than ten adherents enumerated in the County Borough. 26 different terms were used in describing these religious denominations on the Census Schedules.

Fourteen out of the fifteen wards of the Belfast County Borough show increases of population during the past fifteen years, but the average rate of increase per annum was considerably less in all wards—except Court, Dock, and Smithfield—than during the preceding intercensal period of ten years.

The greatest actual increase during the fifteen years was in Ormeau Ward and the greatest percentage increase was in Falls Ward. The only ward in which there was a decrease is St. George's, where the population fell from 19,323 in 1911 to 18,974 in 1926.

VICAR'S SUDDEN DEATH.

TAKEN ILL AT ORATORIO RECITAL.

The Rev. T. F. Jones, Vicar of the Church of the Transfiguration, North Newington, Hull, while conducting a recital of the oratorio "Elijah," at Laxton, East Yorkshire, last night was taken suddenly ill, and died. He had been Vicar of Newington Church for the past sixteen years.

BRITISH FAMILIES FOR CANADA.

A NEW SETTLEMENT SCHEME.

FROM "THE TIMES" CORRESPONDENT.
OTTAWA, Tuesday.

A new and comprehensive scheme for the settlement of British people in Western Canada is being negotiated between the Canadian and British Governments. Mr. Amery, when he was here, proposed an extension of the family settlement scheme, the quota of which was to be completed this year, but the Canadian Government suggested a new scheme, to be known as the Pioneer Settlement Scheme, which contemplates the settlement of 20,000 British families, beginning in 1929.

The settlers need not be agriculturists, and will be settled in groups of fifteen to twenty families in uncolonised areas, not more than fifteen miles from a railway. The Canadian Government proposes to find suitable lands, probably in Northern Saskatchewan and the Peace River country, and will give supervisory guidance to settlers for one year free of charge. The British Government is asked to contribute $1,500 (£300) per family towards the cost of stock, buildings and equipment.

It is desirable that part of the money should be made available this year, in order that buildings may be erected ready for families arriving in the spring of 1929. These proposals have been formally submitted to the British Government, and Ottawa is awaiting a definite reply.

PRAYER-BOOK REVISION.

BISHOPS MEET IN LONDON.

There was a large attendance of bishops at Lambeth yesterday, and the discussions occupied a large part of the day (says *The Times*). The Bishop of Norwich is taking no part in this session, and the Bishop of Southwell is absent through illness.

The gravity of the occasion is fully realised, and there is a strong desire to make the exact position of the bishops absolutely clear, and to leave no ground for misapprehension. In order to make sure of this every point is being fully discussed.

Though this is a time of year peculiarly full of diocesan engagements for the bishops, there is no disposition to rush matters, and it is improbable that the discussions will end to-day. Midday to-morrow is probably the earliest time for the end of the session.

The recommendations of the Houses of Clergy and Laity, though both furnished support for the bishops' policy, are not precisely the same, and even when the bishops have decided how far these can be adopted they may themselves desire to make various points more clear.

Both Houses asked for declarations in regard to the practice of receiving Communion, fasting, and in regard to the doctrinal implications of reservation. Neither of these declarations is easy to draft.

The House of Clergy again was anxious to make it possible for an appeal to be lodged from the opinion of the Diocesan Bishop to the Archbishop if a licence to reserve is granted or withheld.

There are obvious difficulties in the way—such a procedure might introduce serious complications—but it is felt by many that it would provide a safeguard against arbitrary action.

BANDITS ATTACK A MOTOR 'BUS.

FIVE PASSENGERS KILLED: TEN WOUNDED.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.
MEXICO CITY, Tuesday.

Four men and a woman were killed and ten persons were wounded as the result of an attack by bandits to-day on a motor 'bus near Jalapa, in the State of Vera Cruz.

The motor 'bus was carrying about thirty passengers, who were laughing and smoking, when a group of bandits were seen at the roadside. Without any warning a volley of rifle and revolver bullets was poured into the 'bus, killing two of the passengers outright and wounding thirteen others, three of whom died later.

MOTHER'S DASH INTO FLAMES.

BURNED TO DEATH WITH EIGHT CHILDREN.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.
QUEBEC, Tuesday.

Mrs. Thomas Cliche, her eight children, and aged father-in-law were burned to death in a fire which destroyed their home in the Parish of Ste. Marie de Beauce, near here. The fire broke out while the household was asleep, and when the discovery was made by the father and mother they ran out to give the alarm, afterwards returning to endeavour to rescue their family.

The heroic mother succeeded in entering the blazing structure, but perished in her efforts to save her children.

POLISH ELECTIONS.

SWING TO THE LEFT.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.
WARSAW, Tuesday.

The result of the general election is a considerable swing of the Diet to the Left, as the Socialist and Radical Parties have greatly increased their number of seats. The National majorities have maintained most of their seats, but the Jews voted largely for the non-partisan Government list, which secured over one hundred seats.

The Nationalist and Conservative Parties suffered heavy losses, and will not have more than some eighty seats, or about one-fifth of the total number. They will thus be deprived of any influence.

The number of votes cast for the Government list may be explained by the general satisfaction with the economic achievements of the present Government, especially the foreign stabilisation loan, and the steady work of the Ministers for the internal development of the country.

NEW FOOT-AND-MOUTH ORDER.

WEXFORD CONTROL AREA REDUCED.

STORE STOCK EXPORTS TO BE ALLOWED.

The Department of Agriculture in Dublin announce that, as there have been no unfavourable developments, it has now been possible to release considerable portions of County Wexford from the restrictions necessarily imposed because of the outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease on premises near Wexford town. Accordingly, from 6 o'clock this morning the area under control, and in which restrictions on the movement of animals will be maintained, will be reduced to a district about 15 miles in radius from Wexford.

Under the Order now made the new scheduled district will comprise the following Garda sub-districts, viz.:—Wexford No. 1, Wexford No. 2, Bridgetown, Castlebridge, Duncormack, Killinick, Kilmore Quay, Killurin, Rosslare, Taghmon, Enniscorthy, Blackwater, Clonroche, Oulart, Oylegate, Adamstown and Carrick-on-Bannow.

All other portions of Wexford County, except those enumerated above, will thus be freed from restrictions or control from this morning.

THE EXPORT OF STORES.

The Commissioner for Trade in London was informed yesterday by the British Ministry for Agriculture and Fisheries that they were making an Order allowing the landing in Great Britain, subject to the detention of the animals at their inland destination for fourteen days, of store stock from all parts of Ireland, except the newly-scheduled area referred to above, and that such Order would operate from the 16th inst.

£5,000 REWARD FOR LOST PEARLS.

NECKLACE DISAPPEARS IN THE POST.

A necklace of fifty-seven fine graduated cream-rosy pearls has been lost between Paris and London, and a reward of £5,000 has been offered for its return. The pearls weighed 669.28 grains, and there was a three-stone diamond snap to the necklace.

The announcement of the loss was made last night by the assessors, Messrs. Tyler and Co., of London, and Paris. They stated that the necklace was packed in cotton wool, and contained in a wooden box about six inches by two and was wrapped in grey paper tied with string and sealed in three places and numbered 264. The article was sent on or since February 23rd, and was a registered packet.

Messrs. Tyler state that the reward of £5,000 will be paid to anyone returning the lost necklace to them intact or in proportion to the value so recovered.

When the necklace did not arrive at the London address it was thought that the package had been held up at the General Post Office, and that a message would be sent from Mount Pleasant.

The non-arrival of the package caused inquiries to be made, and information was given by the senders, a Paris jewellery firm, as to the time of despatching from that city. No trace of the packet has been found, and the Investigation Department of the G.P.O. is making inquiries into the loss, or theft.

The pearls have been valued at £50,000.

ARMAMENT FIRMS' SUBSIDY.

£90,000 A YEAR FROM THE ADMIRALTY.

The Comptroller and Auditor-General, in his report on the British Navy appropriation account for the last financial year, issued yesterday, comments on a subsidy of £90,000 a year for the maintenance of the plant of certain firms supplying the heavier armour plate to the Admiralty.

The amount, which was the average for two years, would vary inversely with the quantities of armour actually ordered, and would be reduced to the extent to which the firms' plant was engaged on private or additional Admiralty orders in the period.

"The principle underlying these arrangements," says the Comptroller and Auditor-General, "has some analogy with the system under which the service departments contribute to the maintenance of reserve assets in the producing departments of the ordnance factories, but as applied to industrial firms it represents a development of so unusual a character that I have thought it desirable to refer to the agreements."

SENTENCE ON BELGIAN SPY.

IMPRISONED FOR LIFE.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.
PARIS, Tuesday.

Jules Cesar Laperre, the Belgian, who has been on trial on a charge of denouncing to the Germans various Allies' organisations for enabling Allied wounded to escape into Holland, was found guilty of espionage to-day and sentenced to detention for life in a fortress.

This was the maximum sentence that could be imposed for the offence of "intelligence with the enemy," with which Laperre was officially charged. The death sentence is only applicable for this in war time.

The Advocate-General had demanded the utmost rigour of the law for the accused, declaring that Laperre's guilt was palpable.

ARAB TRIBESMEN ON THE MOVE.

AIRCRAFT DISPOSITIONS FOR DEFENCE.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.
BASRA, Tuesday.

Sheikh Feisal Ed Dowish, the leader of the desert tribesmen who have been carrying out raids in the district of Koweit, is reported to be again on the move.

It is understood that the new aircraft base established at Koweit, consists of ten bombing machines, ten armoured cars and a number of transport vehicles and ambulance cars.

JAPANESE BABY PRINCESS.

CONDITION CRITICAL.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.
TOKIO, Wednesday.

According to the latest bulletin from the Royal household, Princess Hista, the six months old daughter of the Emperor, has suffered a relapse, and her condition is now critical. The malady appears to be septicæmia.

The Empress and the ladies-in-waiting watched by the bedside throughout the night.

The Emperor has almost recovered from the feverish cold from which he was suffering.

THE ZINOVIEV INQUIRY.

VIEWS ON LABOUR'S DEMAND.

The British Cabinet this morning will consider the question of the Zinoviev affair in relation to the Labour Party's demand for an inquiry into the leakage of the document to a newspaper.

The debate, for which Labour has asked in order to put forward this demand in the House, will not occur till the beginning of the week after next, but if the Government want to give an immediate decision they have an opportunity to-day.

Mr. Maxton is to ask the Prime Minister:

"Whether he will appoint a committee to inquire how the secret and confidential document circulated to the War Office, Admiralty, Home Office and Foreign Office, and known as the Zinoviev letter, was communicated to the Press on October 24th, 1924; and whether either of the two communications to the Press was made by a civil, military or naval servant of the Crown?"

Various views on the subject are expressed by Conservative M.P.'s. Some think that there ought to be an inquiry into the occurrence, which belongs to a period when Labour was in power; others think that it would be a sheer waste of time. A third view is that Labour would not be so pleased to have an inquiry as to have a refusal of one, because this would enable them to make party capital of the Government refusal, whereas an inquiry might yield them nothing.

NOT A STATE DOCUMENT.

It is pointed out that to call the Zinoviev letter an official document is, perhaps, to strain language. It was not, for example, a communication from one Government to another Government. It was not addressed to the Government at all, but was a letter from a member of the Third International in Moscow to a Communist comrade, or comrades, in London. It probably cannot, therefore, be compared with a secret State document that could not be disclosed without a breach of the Official Secrets Act.

IF THE NAMES ARE REFUSED.

Many members are afraid that an inquiry of the kind suggested a Select Committee of the House might prove futile, and put the House of Commons in a ridiculous position.

"Suppose," they say, "a Select Committee is set up and a witness is called, and refuses to disclose information that is within his knowledge, where are we then? The Committee would have to decide whether to report the witness to the House; and, if they did, the House would then have to decide whether it would summon the defaulter to the bar, and, in the event of persistent refusal, send him to the Clock Tower. By that time the House itself would be in a pretty mess."

Other members contend that such difficulties can be avoided by appointing a judicial inquiry.

LAST NIGHT'S SPEECHES.

The following references were made to the affair in speeches last night:—

SIR THOMAS INSKIP (at Gray's, Essex).—The Labour Party are raking in the dustbins, like rag and bone men, to see whether they can find something. They have got nothing more up-to-date to talk about than the Zinoviev letter. The country is beginning to find out that the Socialist Party has got really nothing for electors. We shall go to the country before long, confident that the policy of the Conservative Party will make a stronger and more successful appeal to the electors than what the Socialist Party has to offer at the present time.

SIR HERBERT SAMUEL (at Walsall).—It may be desirable to inquire how copies of the Zinoviev letter reached the newspaper office, and whether there was any leakage of confidential information from Government departments, but it is well to remember that the Zinoviev letter was not an official document of the British Government. Whether such an inquiry would, in fact, result in any definite consequence is doubtful.

MR. CLYNES (at Manchester).—The honourable tradition of political controversy in Britain was shamefully tarnished at the last election by the use against the Labour Party of a document, which, all along, we have declared was a forgery. If it were genuine it was a monstrous thing to use it against the Labour Party. The Communists are, in their methods, more akin to the Tories than to Labour. The doctrines in the document are not those of Labour. We accept constitutional methods, and repudiate suggestions of mutiny and disloyalty, such as the document contained.

MR. RAMSAY MACDONALD (at Middlesbrough).—I see that certain people are saying "What is the use of disinterring corpses?" Very often you have to re-open the graves in order that justice may be done. I am the most humane and forgiving of people, but I say that the Labour Government in the last days of its existence did not get a straight and honourable deal. An accusation has been made against the honour, honesty and reliability of the Civil Service, which was never made before in my life-time. It is the duty of the Government to protect the Civil Service—even if it does not consider that it has moral duty to protect its opponents—against a fraud being perpetrated on the public intelligence.

MR. LEVINE AGAIN.

1,100 MILES FLIGHT WITH "QUEEN OF DIAMONDS."

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.
HAVANA, Tuesday.

Mr. Charles Levine, who started unexpectedly late last night on a non-stop flight from New York to Hanava in the Miss Columbia, arrived here at 1.32 this afternoon.

Mr. Levine was accompanied by Mr. Wilmer Stultz as pilot and by a woman passenger, Miss Mabel Boll, known as the "Queen of Diamonds" because of her many jewels. The distance from New York to Havana is about eleven hundred miles, and the flight was accomplished in fourteen hours.

A seat was improvised in the fuselage behind the petrol tanks for Miss Boll.

The fliers took no food with them, depending on a flask containing coffee to sustain them on the flight.

Mr. Levine flew with Mr. Clarence Chamberlin in the Miss Columbia from New York to Eisleben (Germany) last June. Subsequently he met with various flying advantures in Europe, the most notable being his spectacular solo flight in the Miss Columbia from Paris to Croydon in August, when Mr. Levine succeeded in getting the plane across and making a safe landing after several hairbreadth escapes. In September, with Captain Hinchcliffe as pilot, Mr. Levine flew to Vienna and Rome, but in a forced landing in Italy later Miss Columbia was badly damaged. She was shipped back to the United States.

Miss Mabel Boll, Mr. Levine's passenger on the present flight, endeavoured to persuade him to take her as passenger when he was proposing to fly from England to America, and was disappointed to the verge of tears when Mr. Levine had to decline owing to lack of room in the Miss Columbia.

Mr. Wilmer Stultz acted as pilot for Mrs. Grayson in one of her attempts to fly the Atlantic in the plane Dawn.

LORD TERRINGTON AT DOUAI.

NO ILL EFFECTS OF JOURNEY.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.
DOUAI, Tuesday.

Lord Terrington's journey from Boulogne to Douai does not appear to have had any ill effects upon his health. He passed a fairly quiet night. Just before midnight Lady Terrington obtained permission to go and see him. She was accompanied by Maitre Jardel, Court Advocate. After the interview Lord Terrington remained alone with his attendants. He breakfasted with a good appetite, adhering strictly to the diet prescribed. He subsequently spent the day quietly, his health being as good as could be expected.

LATE NEWS.

U.S. NAVY.

BUILDING PROGRAMME DEFENDED.

FROM "THE TIMES" CORRESPONDENT.
WASHINGTON, Tuesday.

Another speech on the subject of the needs of the United States Navy was delivered this evening at Bay City, Michigan, before a Republican club by the Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Wilbur.

Mr. Wilbur described the programme of 71 vessels, as drawn up in 1922 shortly after the adjournment of the Washington Conference, and not hastily arrived at as the result of the failure to secure further agreement as the naval limitation.

It grows, he said, out of the development of our own Navy, and other navies as well; and those who oppose it have not been sufficiently attentive to the Geneva Conference, and have forgotten or ignored the Washington Treaty.

There had been a frank exchange of information at Geneva. In this fashion, not only did Great Britain state what she needed for national defence, but she gave specific details as to the means by which she intended to meet those needs.

If in this solemn fashion we were advised that the nation, with which we expected parity in all branches of naval defence, intended to build more ships and greater tonnage than we desired or expected to build, why should our announcement that we intended to build fewer ships and less tonnage than Great Britain had announced she must build for her protection, be considered as provocative?

Why is it that some of the citizens of the United States seem to feel that Great Britain is more safely to be trusted with larger naval programmes than the United States is with similar or less programmes?

NEW COMMUNIST "SPLIT."

THE RIGHTS OF PRIVATE TRADERS.

FROM "THE TIMES" CORRESPONDENT.
RIGA, Tuesday.

Serious new dissensions in the Communist Party in Moscow are apparently breaking out.

A section of Bolshevist economists, which enjoys the partial support of the Rhykoff-Kalinin group [Rhykoff is President of the Union Council of the People's Commissars, Kalinin head of the Union Central Executive Committee], has been stubbornly insisting at numerous conferences at the Kremlin and at meetings of the political bureau of the party in the last few weeks on the internal and external perils of the recent tendency to re-adopt the methods of militant Communism—that is, the Communism that was in vogue before Lenin introduced his new economic policy giving a measure of freedom to private traders.

The dissentient section opposes chiefly the latest onslaught on the more prosperous peasantry, the increase in rural taxation, the revival of plans to establish collective village husbandry, and the further suppression of private trade.

It is pointed out that these measures are creating widespread and acute discontent by convincing the masses that it is intended to reintroduce the card system of rationing and the total prohibition of private traders.

Stalin's group [Stalin is Secretary-General of the Communist Party] insists, however, that it is most important at the present moment to retain the sympathies of left wing Communist circles, as otherwise Trotskyism will reappear.

JOHN BUNYAN'S SCHOOL.

SUCCESSES AT A MUSICAL FESTIVAL.

Elstow (Bedfordshire) village school, where it is believed that John Bunyan was educated, achieved outstanding successes at the Bedfordshire Musical Festival yesterday. They won the village school choir class against sixteen other schools, and the junior school choir class against six others. They were also second in dramatic scenes in an entry of twelve.

Mr. Thomas Dunhill said that the juniors' singing of the English language was the best that he had heard yesterday. This is significant, he said, because Augustine Birrell recently wrote apropos of Bunyan: "The village school at Elstow, which Bunyan as an infant attended, must have been a sound seminary, for there he was taught three things seldom acquired at the Universities—namely, to write legibly, to think clearly, and to speak plainly." It says much for the persistence of tradition that the name of Elstow should still be associated with good English diction.

CANCER CAMPAIGN IN BRITAIN.

PROBLEM IN PROCESS OF SOLUTION.

"Cancer is to-day the gravest problem confronting medical science. Medical knowledge as to the cause of it is still imperfect, and meanwhile it is killing each year many thousands of our people, just as they had reached the full maturity of their powers," said Prince Henry, who yesterday gave the Lancashire, Cheshire and North Wales section of the British Empire Cancer Campaign, of which he is President, an official send-off at Liverpool and Manchester.

The Prince referred to Liverpool's splendid work in combating tropical disease, and said that the British Empire looked for effective help from Lancashire, Cheshire and North Wales. Manchester had a special knowledge of cancer, especially the form which attacked cotton operatives. Research had to be extended against this deadly enemy of mankind.

Dr. Blair Bell, of Liverpool University, said that, not only the public, but also the medical profession, must understand that the outlook is no longer hopeless. There is now no need to despair. The cancer problem is not insoluble, as many great scientists have thought. It is even now in process of solution.

TROUBLES IN NATAL.

ANTI-NATIVE ORGANISATION.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.
MARITZBURG, Tuesday.

Public feeling at Greytown is still at fever heat as the result of the desecration of a large number of the graves in the local cemetery and the arrest of three natives charged with the crime.

An Anti-I.C.U. organisation has now been formed at Greytown. [The Industrial and Commercial Workers' Union is the native Labour organisation.] The members of this new organisation propose to visit every town in Natal.

NEW AGRICULTURAL BILL FOR BRITAIN.

CREDITS FOR LIME.

Colonel Walter Guinness, the British Minister of Agriculture, attended a meeting of the Conservative Parliamentary Agricultural Committee last night and took part in a lengthy discussion on foot-and-mouth disease.

The committee unanimously adopted the following resolution, moved by Mr. Haslam: "That this committee, in view of the serious lack of lime and the depletion of the cash resources of farmers to-day, welcomes the intention of the Minister of Agriculture to include credits for lime in his forthcoming bill, and is of opinion that the opening or re-opening of lime pits and kilns should be included in the objects for which credits may be obtained."

AIR LINERS FOG-BOUND.

'PLANES OF FIVE NATIONS LAND.

HAZARDOUS CHANNEL CROSSINGS.

Banks of fog upset the air services yesterday, and on both sides of the English Channel passenger liners, after hazardous and exciting experiences, had to make forced landings. Machines of five nationalities—British, French, Belgian, Dutch and German—came down. The following reports were received during the day:—

French Air Union liner down at Lympne, Kent. No one hurt. Passengers sent on to London by train.

Imperial Airways liner from Paris to London forced to descend at Abbeville.

Other machines landed at Ostend and Flushing, the pilots deciding not to attempt the crossing.

A German 'plane on the London-Amsterdam-Berlin route left Cro

LONDONDERRY FEIS.

CHILDREN'S DAY DRAWS BIG ATTENDANCE.

SOME NEW FEATURES.

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

LONDONDERRY, Tuesday.

Londonderry's festival week of music was opened to-day, when the Feis entered on its twenty-eighth year. Mrs. A. McC. Stewart, who founded the Feis and for many years was honorary secretary, now resides in Dublin. She, therefore, has resigned the honorary secretaryship, but has been appointed Musical Director.

This year's entries are much the same as those of last year, and all the competitions have filled very well, except the choral classes, which are disappointingly small. A new feature is elocution, for which there are three competitions for children, and these have brought out fairly large entries. Another new competition this year, for children under 18 years, is for the best essay on any composer selected from those whose compositions are being performed in the juvenile competitions. The successful competitor was Jack Turner, 5 Simpson's Brae, Derry, whose essay on Schumann will be read during the Feis. The Knockan Challenge Cup for the open composers' competition has been won for the second time by Miss Dorothy Parke, Londonderry, with her song and chorus "Annalong." It is described as a really charming work, and will be sung during the festival.

The adjudicators are:—Dr. Percy C. Hull, F.R.C.O., organist and choirmaster, Hereford Cathedral, and conductor of the Three Choirs' Festival; Mr. Ernest Broadhurst, A.R.C.O., L.R.A.M., Harrow, and Miss Rhoda Backhouse, leader of the Backhouse Quartet for Strings, London. Miss Lonie Barnes, L.R.A.M., is the accompanist.

Miss Bride O'Neill, who has long been identified with the festival, is honorary secretary.

Yesterday was children's day, and, as usual, the utmost interest was manifested in the competitions, especially in the evening, when the Assembly Hall was packed with adults and children for the competitions for the songs with chorus and the action songs.

THE AWARDS.

The results were:—

Girls' Vocal Solo.—For girls under 12 years of age (test piece in any key), a Lullaby—1, J. Meredith, Tatton, 1; Nora McCrea, Derry (89 marks); 2, Pearl Gaylor, Londonderry (84). Five competed.

Boys' Vocal Solo.—Test piece (in any key). "The Free Mind" (Schumann)—1, Norman Burnside, Derry (88); 2, Joseph Rooney, Derry (85); 3, Manus McL. Doherty, Derry (83). Six competed.

Dr. Hull said that he admired the pluck of the boys. The first prize winner had a voice of musical type, though variable quality. He had a good voice and sang with spirit and a good sense of rhythm.

Girls' Solo.—For girls over 12 years and under 16 years of age. Test piece (in any key). "The Month of Maying" (A. E. Baker)—1, Miss N. Love, Limavady (93); 2, Miss J. Kernohen, Ballymena (91); 3, Miss W. Craig, Ballymena (88). Thirteen competed.

Dr. Hull said that two or three of the girls sang with really beautiful phrasing and a purely musicianly point of view, their performance being very charming. The diction, on the whole, was extraordinarily good. The first prize winner was a most natural, easy singer, but why did she look so sad? She gave a very good rendering of the song, and had the making of a good voice, but would have to make more use of facial expression. The second prize winner gave a very good rendering. She had not a big voice, but it was of good quality. She knew how to sing naturally, and her diction was very good. The third prize winner was also a singer of much charm, and her facial expression was very good.

Musical Dictation.—For children under 16 years of age—Test pieces (a) a series of separate or isolated notes (of no fixed length and not forming a passage of music) taken from the Major scale; (b) a simple passage of eight bars in length in either single or triple time, not containing any modulation and in a Major key, with not more than 2 sharps or 2 flats played on the piano—1, Joan Trimble, Enniskillen (49 out of 50); 2, Ruby Cooke, Limavady (48). Eight competed.

Dr. Hull said that the two prize winners were really the only two who were in the race. The others were only "also rans." As the marks indicated, however, the two prize-winners did exceptionally well.

EXCELLENT PLAYING.

Junior Pianoforte Solo, for children under 14 years.—Test pieces (a) Sicilienne (Schumann); (b) Sonatina in F (Beethoven)—1, Valerie Trimble, Enniskillen (180 marks); 2, Ephainie Hill, Coleraine (177); 3, Nan McMurray, Coleraine (175). Fourteen competed.

Mr. Broadhurst, who had a great deal of praise for the whole class, paid a special compliment to the first prize winner, whom he described as a player with a future. He also congratulated the teachers on their promising pupils. In every case the touch was excellent, and that laid the foundation for good playing. Parents ought to give their children every encouragement to play the piano, because the concentration it involved had a beneficial effect on their school work.

Junior Violin Solo, for children under 14 years of age. Test pieces—(a) "Hunting Song" (b) Minuet (Palaschko)—1, Nan Mullan, Derry (167); 2, Peggy Black, Derry (164); 3, Charles Longwell, Buncrana (165).

Miss Backhouse said that she was very much struck with the excellent way in which many of the competitors stood, the position in general being very good, indeed. The first prize winner had a very nice, free style. She stood excellently and her performance was good. She had talent, and had been marked up for her sense of style. Competitors should not be frightened of their violins. The performance of the second prize winner was very good, and the third prize winner gave promise of being a good player.

Duet (S.A.), for children under 16 years of age. Test piece (in any key), "A Shepherd Lullaby" (Cyril Jenkins)—1, Wilma Craig and Jean Kernohan, Ballymena (91); 2, M. Callaghan and S. Wilson, Limavady (88); 3, Nancy Love and Kathleen Adair, Limavady (87).

Dr. Hull reminded his hearers that they could have extremely good individual singers, and, yet, when they were put together the result was sometimes poor. In this competition the competitors managed to get the real, nice, gentle lilt, not always got in music of this character. The test piece was an extremely good one. The competition had reached a high standard for girls of this age. The first prize winners had held the phrase right through in each case. They were a good pair, who ran well in double harness. They got a good, gentle rhythmic flow.

Pianoforte Scales and Arpeggio Playing (for competitors under 18 years of age)—1, Miss D. McCrea, Belfast (75); 2, Miss M. Cousins, Coleraine (71). Two competed.

Intermediate Piano Duet, for children under 17. Test piece, "Oriental Pictures." Op. 66 (Schumann)—1, Misses E. Parker and G. Sweeney, Derry. The only other duet competing was disqualified for playing the wrong music.

Intermediate Piano Duet, for children under 17—1, Joan Trimble (175); 2, Victor Kilpatrick, Derry (173); 3, John Coyle, Derry (172). Twelve competed.

Miss Backhouse said that Miss Trimble's performance was delightful.

CHORAL SINGING.

Juvenile Chorus—1, Mrs. R. L. Orr's Juvenile Choir, Raphoe (170). Only one choir competed, and Dr. Hull deplored the lack of competition. He appealed to the education authorities, and all others interested, to get children together, and encourage them to enter for the Festival.

Small School Choirs.—1, Mrs. Orr's Raphoe School Choir (85). Special prize awarded to Miss Stewart's Rallagh School Choir, Derrychrier (82).

Song, with Chorus, for children between 13 and 18 years.—1, Miss Corscaden's Culmore Girl Guides, who sang "Little Brown Jug" (91). Special prize awarded to Miss Carol Aiken's 2nd Londonderry (Girl Guides), who sang "The Children's Band," and got 83 marks.

Dr. Hull said that the children showed absolute naturalness, and were a sheer joy to watch. The first prize-winners were a merry crowd, and a fine example to grown-ups.

Song, with chorus, for Boy Scouts and Cubs, for General Richardson Memorial Medallion.—1, Miss K. Ingold's Foyle College Wolf Cub Pack, who sang "Widdicombe Fair" (88). Only one competitor.

Song, with chorus, for children between 13 and 18 years.—1, Mrs. Orr's Raphoe Girl Guides, who sang Walford Davies's "The Open Road" (93); 2, Mrs. Wylie's Culmore Girl Guides, who sang the sea shanty, "Heave Away, Johnny" (91); 3, Miss Speers's Ogilby Choir, Limavady (90). Six competed.

Dr. Hull congratulated all the choirs on their choice of pieces. The first prize-winners got a good, free, open-air atmosphere, producing an excellent result. They had a splendid quality of tone, and very jolly facial expressions.

Junior Action Song.—1, Miss Ellis's Junior Choir, Belfast, who sang "My Teddy Bear" (93); 2, Miss Hunt's Londonderry High School, who sang a medley of nursery rhymes (91). Three competed.

Mr. Broadhurst said that the first prize-winners had a very clear singing tone and enunciation. They kept well in tune. The action, design and dresses were very good, with quite original touches. The choice of music was very good. The second prize-winners' dresses were particularly charming, and the action was splendid. The choice of music was excellent.

Senior Action Song.—1, Miss Hunt's Londonderry High School No. 2 Choir, which sang Mendelssohn's "Welcome to Spring" (98); 2, Miss Hunt's Londonderry High School No. 1 Choir, which sang "Under the Greenwood Tree" (91). Four competed.

Dr. Hull said that the first prize-winners' voices were bright and of fine quality, and the performance was excellent.

HIBERNIAN BANK CLERKSHIPS.

At the last 2 examinations Students of SKERRY'S COLLEGE, 76 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, gained 15 Successes. BEST RESULT. Oral and Correspondence Classes. —(Advt.)

(Continued from preceding Column.)

Guides, who sang Walford Davies's "The

TRADE AGREEMENT WITH GERMANY

TO BE TERMINATED AT EARLY DATE.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

BERLIN, Tuesday.

The Minister of Economics, Herr Curtius, announced in the Reichstag to-day that the earliest possible opportunity would be taken to give notice to terminate the trade treaty with Great Britain in order "to place our relations with England on another basis." He said that he was of opinion that certain measures of the British Government were equivalent to an alteration of the basis on which the trade agreement was founded.

The Press Association's Diplomatic Correspondent says:—Beyond the Reuter Berlin telegram quoting the announcement by Herr Curtius, the German Minister of Economics, in the Reichstag to-day, that Germany intended to give notice to terminate the trade agreement with Britain at the earliest possible opportunity, official circles in London knew nothing of the matter last night. Trade relations between Britain and Germany are governed by the commercial treaty between the two countries signed in 1924 and ratified in 1925. This treaty does not expire until 1930, and the earliest date at which notice of alteration or termination can be given by either party is 1929.

IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

BRITISH GUIANA'S NEEDS.

NEW LEGISLATURE TO BE CREATED.

FROM OUR PARLIAMENTARY CORRESPONDENT.

WESTMINSTER, Tuesday.

Mr. Snowden attempted to make a mountain out of a molehill during question time this afternoon, but his efforts were defeated by the calmness of the Prime Minister. The point was that Sir Patrick Gower, a private secretary of the Prime Minister, had accepted an important post in the Central Conservative office, and Mr. Snowden wanted to know whether it was with the knowledge of the Prime Minister, and whether there was a precedent. Mr. Baldwin said that it was true that the appointment had been made and that there was no precedent, so far as he knew, but that civil servants were entitled to resign at any time they thought fit.

Mr. Snowden then asked whether the Prime Minister, when approached, suggested the impropriety, if not the indecency, of a political organisation trying to secure the services of a permanent civil servant in receipt of a salary from the Crown. Mr. Baldwin remarked that he did not feel called upon to answer the suggestions of such a question. For many years Sir Patrick Gower had given loyal service to Prime Ministers, and, after discussing the matter with Sir Patrick, he was sure that he had acted wisely in his own interest. Mr. Snowden hastened to say that he was casting no reflection upon Sir Patrick, and the Prime Minister accepted this, adding that he was very glad to hear it.

It was suggested in a question by Mr. Albery that Mr. Churchill should appeal to the donor of the recently created Trust Fund for Debt Redemption to disclose his name for publication, so that this movement might be increased by the force of good example. Mr. Churchill replied that he did not think that it would be desirable to take the course suggested.

RACECOURSE BETTING BILL.

Mr. Churchill, replying to Mr. Day, said that facilities would be given to the Racecourse Betting Bill on the second reading if there was a free vote of the House.

Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy asked if that did not mean that betting would become legalised on racecourses in this country, but Mr. Churchill said that he did not think that it meant anything of that kind. They did not know what was intended until they were apprised of the wishes of the House on the subject.

BRITISH GUIANA.

British Guiana, according to Mr. Amery, Colonial Secretary, is in rather a bad way, and is sadly in need of a new Constitution, which will enable the Colony to cope more adequately with its present political and economic difficulties. This afternoon he asked the House to give a second reading to a bill for the better government of the Colony.

British Guiana, he said, had great possibilities, but they had never been sufficiently exploited. In spite of the fact that 350,000 people had migrated to the Colony during the last quarter of a century, its population to-day was only 300,000. There was nothing particularly unhealthy about the climate, but there had been excessive infantile mortality, and sanitary and other arrangements which made for good health were hopelessly behind the times. To make matters worse, the country was saddled with a debt of over £4,300,000, and fresh capital was essential for improvements and developments. It was proposed to replace the existing Constitution by a new one on the lines recommended by a local Commission. This, it was hoped, would secure fuller representation and more responsible and effective government.

Mr. Ammon was not enamoured of any proposal to replace a system of government which had existed for 120 years, and he charged the Colonial Secretary with a desire to pander to absentee planters. British Guiana was to be placed in a position analagous to that of West Ham and Poplar by putting in a caretaker, and depriving the Colony of all powers of self-government.

Not all the Labour Party, however, objected to the bill. Mr. Snell, who was one of the Commissioners, declared that a change was inevitable if the Colony was to return to anything like prosperity. He, for one, was not ashamed to have been associated with an effort to secure for the Colony a fuller and a better life.

The bill was read a second time by 200 votes to 89.

Several small bills were advanced a stage, and then on the motion for the adjournment Major Hore Belisha for the first time protested against Naval officers and men being deprived of the right to take an active part in political affairs.

Mr. Bridgeman gave him scant comfort, and expressed the hope that notwithstanding his assertion that Devonport was practically disfranchised he would still have some aspirations of being returned at the next election. During the whole of his speech the First Lord chaffed Mr. Hore Belisha unmercifully, and at one time Mr. David Kirkwood exclaimed—"That will do, Willie, you have paralysed him."

The House adjourned at 10.45 p.m.

U.S. MARKETS.

STOCKS CLOSE STRONG.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

NEW YORK, Tuesday.

Stocks opened firm, but an outbreak of selling in Rubbers temporarily halted the upward movement, wherein Motors were again a feature; Packard Motors reaching the highest price since the shares were listed. Trading in General Motors, however, was quieter. U.S. Rubber declined 3 and the 1st Pref. stock 5 points on fears regarding the safety of the Pref. dividend. Most of the active issues reached the best prices of the day during the afternoon. Greene Cananea Copper, U.S. Cast Iron Pipe, International Harvester, Case Threshing Machine, American Tobacco and American Zinc Pref. advanced 4 to 7 points, and Radio Corporation and International Nickel were in brisk demand. In the final dealings a further bulge in General Motors afforded evidence of the recent change in speculative sentiment, and a number of specialities sharply advanced. The market closed strong. Government Bonds dull; Railroad Bonds steady. The day's sales totalled 2,804,000 shares.

Money on call closed steady at 4½ p.c. bid and 4½ p.c. asked. All business was done at 4½. Sterling exchange steady. Silver unchanged at 57⅞.

	Tues.	Mon.
Call Money	4½ b. 4½ a	4½ b. 4½ a
Exchange on Lon.—60 days sight	4.85⅝	4.85⅝
Do. do. Demand Bills	4.87⅛	4.87⅛
Cable Transfers	4.87⅛	4.87⅛
Do. Montreal	4.86⅛	4.86⅛
Exchange Paris cable	3.93¾	3.93¾

Eng. Parity.	Stocks.	Tues.	Mon.
187½	Atchison, Topeka, Santa Fe	183	183⅛
100⅛	Do. Pref.	104	104
115⅜	Baltimore and Ohio	111⅛	111⅛
213⅛	Canadian Pacific	208⅛	208⅛
22½	Chicago, Milwaukee, & St. Paul	22⅝	22⅜
83¼	Chicago and North-West	81¾	81½
54½	Erie Shares	53	—
56⅝	Erie 1st Preferred	55¼	55
139⅛	Illinois Central	136¾	136¾
150⅝	Louisville and Nashville	147	146
36⅜	Missouri, Kansas, and Texas	35⅞	35¼
47¼	Missouri Pacific New	46¼	45⅝
165⅛	New York Central & Hudson R.	161¾	163¼
185⅞	Norfolk and West. Com.	181	180⅜
97⅛	Northern Pacific Com.	95	94¼
67⅝	Pennsylvania Shares	66	66⅛
100⅝	Reading Shares	98½	99
43½	Do. Pref.	42	42
121⅞	Southern Pacific	119	119
146⅛	Southern Railway	143	143⅜
197⅞	Union Pacific	192½	191¼
89⅛	Do. Pref.	87	87
111¼	American Can. (New Stock)	108½	108½
—	American Smelt. and Refining.	79¾	77⅞
68⅜	Anaconda Copper	66	64¾
—	Anglo-American Oil	21	21
58⅛	Bethlehem Steel Com. Stock	58⅛	58½
28⅛	Brit.-American Tobacco Coupon	27½	27¼
157⅛	New York Consolidated Gas	134½	135¾
134⅛	General Electric (New Stock)	131	131¼
153½	General Motors (New)	150	148¼
4½	Inter. Mer. Marine Com. Certs.	4⅜	4½
39⅛	Do. Pref. Certs.	38	36¾
37⅛	International Pet. of Canada	37	37
126⅛	National Lead	125	125
43½	Pan-American Petroleum "B"	42¾	42¾
43⅛	Shell Transport and Trading	42	42
24⅛	Shell Union Oil Corp.	24⅞	25
46½	U.S. Rubber	43	43⅝
145¾	United States Steel Common	143¾	142¾
143½	Do. Pref.	139⅜	139¾
—	Silver Commercial Bars	57⅛	57¼
	BONDS.		
99⅜	Ateh. Top. New 4 % Gen. Mort.	97¼	97
89⅜	Can. Nat. Gen. 4 % Lien Bonds	84½	85
99⅛	Union Pacific 4 % Bonds	97⅝	97⅝
111¼	U.S. Steel 2nd Mort. 5 % Bonds.	108½	108¼
—	U.K. 5½ per cent. Bonds, 1922-.	—	118½
108⅛	Do. do. 1937-.	106	106
110	7 per cent. German Loan	107⅜	107⅛
119⅜	U.S. Treas. 3½ % Bonds, 46-56.	107⅜	—

* Asked; † Ex-div.; ‡ Ex interest; § Ex rights.

MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE.

Eng. Equiv.	Stocks and Shares.	Closing Prices. Tues.	Mon.
79⅝	Abitibi Power & Paper Co., Ltd.	79¾	79⅝
31⅛	Asbestos Corp. of Canada, Ltd.	31	31⅛
91	Do. Pref.	91	91
203⅛	Brazilian T. L. & F. Co., Ltd.	203	203⅛
3⅛	Brit. Empire Steel Corp., Ltd.	3	3
40⅜	Do. 1st Preference Series B	39⅞	39⅞
7⅛	Do. 2nd Preference	7¼	7
83⅝	Brompton Pulp & Paper Co.,Ltd	69¾	68½
252⅛	Canada Cement Co., Ltd.	247	247
138¼	Canadian Cottons Co., Ltd.	135	135
40⅜	Canadian Indus. Alcohol Co.	39⅞	39⅞
33⅛	Canada Steamships Lines, Ltd	33	33
94⅜	Do. New 6 p.c.	92	91¼
278⅛	Con. Mining & Smelt. Co. of Canada, Ltd.	269	265
126⅛	Dominion Textile Co., Ltd.	125	126
177⅛	Hollinger Gold Mining Shares	174	175
138¼	Laurentide Co., Ltd.	135	135
93⅛	Montreal L. H. & P. Consd.	90	90
121¾	National Breweries, Ltd.	118½	117
95⅞	Price Bros. and Co., Ltd.	93⅞	90
93⅛	Shawinigan W. & P. Co. (New)	91	93⅛
129⅝	Spanish R. P'p & P'r Mills, Ltd.	126½	126⅛
136¼	Do. Preferred	133	132⅝
193⅛	Steel Co. of Canada, Ltd.	188½	188
89⅛	Quebec Power Co. New Stock	87	87
113⅛	Wayagamack	111	112
116⅛	Winnipeg Electric	115⅞	115

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKETS.

WHEAT—Spots barely steady, ¼c. to ⅝c. down.

	To-day.	Prev. day.
No. 2 Mixed Durum, spot	144½	144⅛
No. 2 Northern Manitoba, spot	165⅛	166⅛
No. 2 Hard Winter, spot	155⅛	155⅞
No. 2 Red Winter, spot	167⅛	167⅝

Sales for export—25 boatloads.

RYE easier at 3c. decline. No. 2 spot, 131⅞.

Sales for export—Nil.

BARLEY easy and 1c. lower. American malting spot, 104.

MAIZE steady and ¼c. higher.

	To-day.	Prev. day.
Western No. 2 mixed spot	110⅛	100⅞

Sales for export—Nil.

LARD weak and 10 points up. Prime Western steam, 12.20; Middle West, 11.95 to 12.05.

FLOUR steady. Spring clears, 100 per cent., 6.60 to 6.90.

Sales for export—Nil.

PETROLEUM steady.

	To-day.	Prev. day.
Standard White in cases	16.90	16.90
Standard White in barrels	13.50	13.50
Do. Philadelphia	13.50	13.50
Mid-Continent Crude	33-33.9	33-33.9
Pennsylvania Crude	2.35-2.80	2.35-2.80

RUBBER quiet, but steady. First latex crepe spot, 23¾ buyers; smoked ribbed sheets spot, 23¼ buyers, 23¾ sellers.

COFFEE—Futures (basis Rio No. 7)—

Options—	Mar.	May.	July.	Sept.	Dec.	Jan.
To-day	16.08	15.07	14.56	14.09	13.82	13.75
	Mar., 1929—13.70					
Prev. day	15.95	15.03	14.53	14.15	13.90	13.85

Estimated day's sales—46,000 bags.

Futures (basis Santos No. 4)—

Closing options—March, 21.60; May, 21.25; July, 20.75; Sept., 20.35; Dec., 19.65.

Estimated day's sales—44,000 bags.

SUGAR—Centrifugal Cuban spot firm, 6 points up; 96 test centrifugal Cuban, 4.46. Futures barely steady, 2 points down to unchanged.

Approximate day's sales—58,000 tons.

Options—	Mar.	May.	July	Sept.	Dec.	Jan.	Mar.
To-day	2.71	2.66	2.74	2.83	2.90	2.88	2.80
Prev. day	2.73	2.68	2.76	2.83	2.90	2.88	2.80

Sugar sales—10,000 bags of Cuban at 4.46 for shipment during the last half of this month, and 10,000 bags of Philippines at 4.48 for April shipment.

TALLOW steadier, 4c. to 14c. up. Spot extra loose, 6⅜.

SHELLAC—T.N. spot, 41.

TURPENTINE—Spot, 58½; Savannah spot, 53¼.

METALS—Straits Tin easier. Spot 50 points and April 37½ points lower. Spot and nearby, New York, 51.62½. Future option—April, 51.62½. Lead steady and unchanged to 5 points up. Spot, New York, 6.00; East St. Louis, 5.80. Zinc steady and unchanged. Spot, East St. Louis, 5.50. Pig Iron steady. Northern No. 2 Plain, f.o.b. Furnace, Eastern Pennsylvania, 20.00; f.o.b. Buffalo (delivery Boston), 21.91 by rail.

WINNIPEG GRAINS.

WHEAT opened steady, 1c. down to unchanged, and closed easy, 1c. to 2c. lower. Opening options—May, 141⅛; July, 142; October, 136. Closing options—May, 140¾; July, 141⅜; October, 135⅝. Rye easy and 1¼c. to 2c. down. Closing options—May, 116½; October, 103¼. Oats easy and 1⅜c. to 1c. down. Closing options—May, 65⅜; July, 65¼. Barley easy and 1⅜c. to 1¼c. lower. Closing options—May, 99⅜; July, 90. Flaxseed easier and 3c. to 7c. down. Closing options—May, 191; July, 193⅜.

Wheat receipts (carlots).	To-day.	Prev. day.
No. 1 Northern	3	29
No. 2 Northern	43	104
No. 3 Northern	119	84
No. 4 Northern	60	25
Other grades	553	442
Total	777	654

NEW YORK COTTON.

COTTON opened steady, 2 points down to 1 point up. The market ruled quietly steady, with narrow price movements, and the absence of rains in West Texas offset the influence of unfavourable cables. Interest was limited, operators awaiting developments at the close, and values were 5 points lower to 5 points higher and the tone steady. Spot quiet at 5 points decline.

Spot, middling upland at New York, 18.90.

Spot, middling upland at New Orleans, 18.48.

Receipts—Atlantic ports, 3,000 bales; Gulf, 13,000; Pacific, nil; interior towns, 4,000.

Exports—Great Britain, 6,000 bales; Continent, 3,000; Japan and China, nil.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Tuesday.

WHEAT opened steady and unchanged to ¼c. higher. Reports of firmer Canadian and Argentine offers to Europe and advices stating that the late seeded winter wheat in parts of Illinois is in a very poor condition, created a better feeling; but later the market reacted on a forecast of unsettled weather in the South-West. The closing was easy at ⅜c. to ⅝c. decline. Spot easier.

	To-day.	Prev. day.
No. 2 Hard Winter, spot	140½	141
No. 3 Hard Winter, spot	137¼	139

Futures—Opening options—	May.	May.	July
To-day	137¼	137⅜	136⅝
Prev. day	136	136½	135

Futures—Closing options—	May.	May.	July
To-day	136⅞	137⅛	135½
Prev. day	137¼	137⅜	136⅜

MAIZE commenced steady but unchanged to ⅛c. lower, and closed steady, ⅜c. to ⅝c. up.

Spot, No. 2 mixed-Western, 97¼.

Futures—Opening options—	Mar.	May.	July
To-day	94⅜	97⅛	99¼
Prev. day	93¾	97¼	99¼

Futures—Closing options—	Mar.	May.	July
To-day	95	98¼	100⅜
Prev. day	94⅜	97⅞	100⅜

OATS steady, with prices unchanged to ⅛c. down.

Futures—Closing options—	Mar.	May	July
To-day	57	57⅛	53¼
Prev. day	57	57½	55¼

RYE easy, 1c. to 2c. lower. No. 2, spot, 120.

Futures—Closing options—	Mar.	May	July
To-day	117	116⅞	111
Prev. day	116	117⅛	111⅞

PROVISIONS—Lard opened steady. Eastern houses buying May and July, together with the firmness of hogs, stimulated advances, the market closing firm, with futures 15 to 10 and spot 10 points up. Ribs quiet, and unchanged. Lard, prime Western steam, spot, 11.47½.

Lard—Closing options—	Mar.	May	July
To-day	11.52½	11.80	12.10
Prev. day	11.57½	11.70	11.97½

Ribs—Closing options—	May	July	Sept.
To-day	11.45	11.70	11.95
Prev. day	11.45	11.70	11.95

BACON steady. Short ribs, spot (60lbs. average), 11.00.

HOGS firm, 10 to 15 points higher for light weights and 15 points dearer for heavy. Light weight, 7.75 to 9.45; heavy weight, 7.75 to 8.25.

Receipts—Western Cities	To-day.	Same day last year.
Chicago	115,000	90,000
	30,000	21,000

The receipts of hogs at 15 principal Western centres, including Chicago, since March 1, total 565,000, against 648,000 for the same season last year.

THURSTASTON HALL CASE.

AN ALLEGED COUSINSHIP.

PRISONER'S DENIAL IN THE DOCK.

The trial of Arthur Casson (50), described as a carpenter, who is alleged to have falsely represented that he was a cousin of Lord Carson, and Edith Carson (36), or Casson, who are accused of conspiracy, with obtaining money by false pretences, and with making false statements for the purpose of procuring a passport, was continued before Mr. Justice Wright, at the Manchester Assizes, yesterday. Casson is also accused of offences as an undischarged bankrupt. Both of the accused pleaded not guilty, and neither was represented by counsel. Casson conducted his own defence. Mr. E. Rowson appeared on behalf of the Crown.

The prosecution allege that Casson falsely represented that he was the owner of Thurstaston Hall, Cheshire, and that a company was to be formed to run it as a convalescent home.

A TYPIST'S EVIDENCE.

Angela Macnamara Hare, a shorthand-typist, of Bossett street, Liverpool, said that in August last she answered an advertisement for a typist, and received a letter from A. Carson, financier, of Ct. James's road, Liverpool. She received a salary of £2 10s. a week, and typed a large number of circular letters inviting doctors to take shares with the Thurstaston Hall Company.

Mr. Rowson (for the prosecution)—Did you see any books relating to Thurstaston Hall?—No. The woman defendant asked her if she would like to be a company secretary, and she replied "No," because she did not understand company law, and had no money. Later Carson asked her to sign documents as secretary *pro tem.* of the Thurstaston Hall Company. "I refused, and he said that if I did not do as he asked he would have to give me a week's notice. I still refused, and he gave me notice, and I left that day."

William Henry Brown, of the Companies Registration Office, Somerset House, London, gave evidence of the registration of the Thurstaston Hall Company, with a share capital of £1,000.

Casson—The registration of the company was quite in order?—Perfectly in order.

To the Judge, the witness said that the company was wound up on a petition of Mr. Robert F. Parry, an electrical engineer, of Liverpool.

Neither of the accused elected to give evidence, but, at Casson's request, Charles Roland Evans was called, and said that he was Secretary of the Alma Chemical Company of Rock Ferry, and knew nothing about Thurstaston Hall.

MALE PRISONER'S STATEMENT.

Casson then addressed the jury on his own behalf, and complained that he had been kept in prison for two months, and, through lack of funds, was unable to obtain legal aid. He had asked for the case to be taken to London, where he could produce witnesses and get people to defend him.

"The last witness you heard was the Secretary of the Alma Chemical Company," he said. "I was managing director of that company. I received £500 a year and five per cent. of the turn-over. It was a new company, and would have meant £2,000 a year to me. Do you think that I would have thrown that up to run the Thurstaston Hall Company?"

Continuing, Casson denied that he ever posed as the cousin of Lord Carson, and said that he came down to start the chemical works at Rock Ferry, and tried to find a house. The only one that he could find was Thurstaston Hall, and he decided that it was too big for him. Later he saw a flat, and was asked by a Miss Young to have tea with her. She pressed him to take the flat. "I had not the remotest idea of a nursing home or anything else at the time," said Casson. "I myself am a chemical expert. The consequence was that Miss Young spoke about the Hall, and the Hall was advertised all over the place, and every agent knew it. To say that it was my property is absolutely absurd, because the village children would tell you who it belonged to. I have merely been the unpaid clerk to the real promoters."

FORMERLY WORTH £150,000.

Casson then proceeded to relate the story of his life. He said that he was born in Manchester, and his father was a great philanthropist and owned works which stood on the present site of the Manchester Central Railway Station, while an uncle, Thomas Casson, was the great Quaker, Casson, of Manchester. "My people lived at Bramhall Park, and I was educated at Bramhall Park College. At an early age I was left fatherless and went to Liverpool to join a brother, who was a paint manufacturer. I was married in my eighteenth year to a Liverpool lady older than myself." The marriage, he declared, was arranged, and ended in a divorce, as it was not a love match. He went to America, where he was very successful, and, returning to England, became managing director of a paint firm in which many well-known people were interested. "I have had a country seat in Norfolk," he went on, "with a park of thirty odd acres." He was worth £150,000 seven years ago, but lost most of his fortune in a multiple chemist's shop venture. He maintained that he was not bankrupt.

He had changed his name to Carson because his real name was so well known owing to the publicity he had received. He was descended from an old Huguenot family, the Comtes de Cassons, and took out his passport in the name of Athos de Casson, which was an old family name. "I therefore," he declared, "can face you as an honest man. There is no *cause célèbre* in the past two years that has received the publicity given this little company."

In his summing-up the Judge directed the jury to return a formal verdict of not guilty in five of the seventeen counts proceeded with against the accused, as the evidence in those cases was insufficient.

With regard to Casson's story of his life, the Judge said that they would remember it was an unsworn statement, and was not open to be cross-examined.

FOUR YEARS' PENAL SERVITUDE.

Casson was found guilty on each count, except one accusing him of conspiracy, and those in which the Judge had directed the jury to return a verdict of not guilty, and the woman was found not guilty, except on the charge of obtaining a passport by false pretences, an offence which both had admitted.

Addressing Edith Casson, the Judge said: The jury have found you not guilty of the various charges against you. I think that they took a very proper view. As regards your passport offence, I am prepared to assume that that was something done under the influence of Arthur Casson. Have you anywhere to go?

The Woman—I am returning to London, my lord.

The Judge—Under all the circumstances, and bearing in mind that you have already been some weeks in prison, I shall bind you over for twelve months.

The Woman—May I have an interview with my husband before I leave?

The Judge—Just wait and we will see.

Turning to Arthur Casson, the Judge said: The jury have found you guilty of a number of cases of obtaining money and goods by false pretences and certain cases of fraudulent conversion. They have also found you guilty of obtaining credit without disclosing the fact that you were an undischarged bankrupt. I regard these offences, taken simply as matters in issue in this case, as of a very serious character. For these offences the sentence of the Court is four years' penal servitude.

Casson—In justice to myself, can I appeal?

The Judge—Your rights are defined by statute.

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OPENING OF NORTHERN PARLIAMENT.

The Duke of Abercorn at the salute while the band of the Royal Air Force played the National Anthem when he arrived at the Parliament House, Belfast, yesterday to open the session of the Northern Parliament.

The Duchess of Abercorn, Lord Craigavon and the Hon. Mrs. E. Guinness on the steps of the Parliament House.

The Duke of Abercorn with his Private Secretary, Lieutenant-Commander O. Henderson, D.S.O., O.B.E.

Lieutenant-Commander Stack and Wing-Commander A. F. Wright, O.C. Ulster Bombing Squadron No. 5 of the Royal Air Force.

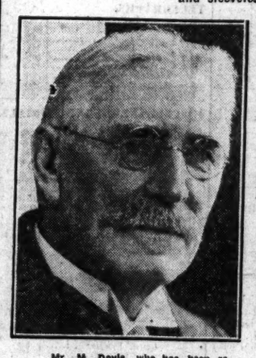
Senator A. Hill Dickson and Mr. J. Milne Barbour, Northern Minister of Commerce, at the Royal Ulster Agricultural Society's Show and Sale.

Women soldiers in the parade with whichthe Red Army celebrated its tenth anniversary at Moscow.

A rose-patterned velvet gown, with simple side draperies and sleeveless corsage.

Mrs. Laura Knight, who recently was elected an A.R.A., arranging some of her works for exhibition.

Gabriel D'Annunzio, novelist, poet and soldier, who is seriously ill with pneumonia.



Mr. M. Doyle, who has been re-elected Chairman of the Co. Wexford Farmers' Union.—*Lafayette.*

Sir Hugh Clifford, Governor of the Straits Settlements, who celebrated his sixty-second birthday by flying to a height of 11,000 feet in a seaplane.

Mrs. Hall, Master of the Carlow Hounds, with her daughters and their husbands, at a recent meet. Left to right—Mr. and Mrs. J. Alexander, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Eustace Duckett and Mr. O. H. Eustace Duckett.

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OBITUARY.

THE REV. SAMUEL GILLESPIE.

News has been received by cable of the sudden death on Friday last at Surat, in Western India, of the Rev. Samuel Gillespie, who for over thirty-two years was a missionary of the Irish Presbyterian Church in India. Mr. Gillespie's father was a missionary of the same mission, and also, strangely enough, died suddenly after thirty-two years' work in India. The Rev. Samuel Gillespie was his father's eldest son, born in Rajkot, Kathiawar.

Mr. Gillespie, like his father, had a remarkably good knowledge of the Gujarati language, and was of great assitance in the revision of the Gujarati Bible, which was completed just before last Christmas. His intimate acquaintance with the people and his sympathy and understanding of them were of great use to the Bombay Government in the troubles that arose in Ahmadabad over the Rowlatt Act some years ago. Being a personal friend of Mr. Gandhi, and also of the British officials, he was able to act as *liaison* officer between the two parties, and did much to calm a storm which at one time seemed likely to become disastrous. Mr. Gillespie was married to a Dublin lady, and spent the earlier months of his ministerial life as assistant minister of the Abbey Church. He leaves a widow, a son in the Indian Army, and a daughter, married in South Africa.

FLYING "RECORD."

LIEUTENANT KINKEAD'S TRIAL FLIGHT POSTPONED.

Owing to a thick mist yesterday Flight Lieutenant S. N. Kinkead postponed his trial flight at Southampton on the super-marine Napier S 5 racing seaplane, on which he is to attempt to break the world's high speed "record" to-day.

Adjustments were made to the machine, and the 875 horse-power Napier engine (which is to drive the machine at a speed of over 300 miles an hour) was tuned up and given a trial run.

Officials of the Royal Aero Club have arranged a three-kilometre course for the speed attempt, and camera-guns, which take eight photographs a second, have been installed at each end of the course. These camera-guns will photograph the machine passing the post, and the same negative the time shown by a synchronised stop watch.

GIANT ELECTRIC LOCOMOTIVE.

A giant electric locomotive for the Great Indian Peninsular Railway underwent its trials at the yard of the builders, Messrs. Hawthorn, Leslie and Co., Ltd., Newcastle, yesterday. It is designed to develop 2,400 horse-power for one hour, with a constant power production of 1,800 horse-power, equivalent to road speeds of 85 and 75 miles per hour respectively. The engine weighs 111 tons, and requires a current of 1,500 volts, which it picks up on the pantograph system from overhead wires.

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WAR EPISODE RECALLED.

BARRISTER WHO WAS SENTENCED TO BE SHOT.

The funeral took place yesterday at Studland, near Bournemouth, of Mr. John Stobart Greenhalgh, a barrister, who during the war was sentenced, with his wife and a London clergyman, to be shot for alleged espionage against Germany.

Mr. Greenhalgh, whose home was at Turner's Wood, Hampstead Garden Suburb, London, died on Friday after eighteen months' illness. He was called to the Bar in 1881, went to Rangoon, where he practised at the Bar, and later was acting as deputy judge. Mr. Greenhalgh married Mrs. St. Clair Stobart, the writer on spiritualistic subjects, and they went to Belgium in August, 1914, with the object of starting a hospital for English soldiers in Brussels. The Rev. G. B. Bourchier accompanied them as chaplain.

Before the arrangements for opening the hospital could be made, however, the Germans over-ran Belgium. Mr. and Mrs. Greenhalgh and Mr. Bourchier were arrested as spies and thrown into prison. Several days later they were brought before a judge for trial, found guilty, and ordered to be shot. A German officer who was married to an Englishwoman interceded for them, with the judge. The latter, when in London, had come into contact with the social work carried on by Mr. Greenhalgh, and he helped them to escape from prison. He lent them his car to take them to the Dutch frontier—a hazardous journey. They succeeded in getting over the frontier and returned to England.

MECHANISING THE FARM.

On Friday next, at Grangemolvin, Athy, a tractor ploughing match will be held under the auspices of Messrs. Duthie, Large and Co., Ltd. It is claimed that the tractor, tractor plough and Universal trailer manufactured by this firm have done much to assist farmers to "run" their farms as a paying proposition.

If the nation is to have proper security for its timber supplies in the future, the British Government must go in for afforestation on a much larger scale.—Lord Clinton.

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND NOTES.

TONE AND COMMENT.

DUBLIN FLUCTUATING.

DUOPHONES SLUMP AND RALLY.

There was some increase in the demand for local securities on 'Change, and here and there more dealing took place, but on the other side some of the fluctuating Manufacturing Industrials recently engaging great attention and enjoying special conditions of buoyancy literally boiled over after recent indiscriminate strength, and some lively fluctuations resulted when profit-taking realisations were indulged in. It is thought the reaction will help to steady some of the markets disposed to get out of hand, owing mainly to speculative effort. Government National Loans closed steady in a very idle market. British Funds were higher, with War Loan Fives passing over 102. Corporation, etc., issues were idle, but steady. Among Banking securities, which were generally dealt in, Bank Stock lost portion of the recent advance, but other bank shares were nearly all higher. There was little market in Breweries, but Guinness Ord. were again well held, while the Pref. were dull. Marconi Ord. lost a couple of shillings. There was still a quiet but firmer absorption of Home Rails. Great Northern Guaranteed rose a full point. The dividends recently declared on Ord. and Pref. Stocks are included in current prices. Great Southern Ord. were better, and the Pref. easier, while the Guaranteed was firm. All the dividends are included in these prices. Trams were idle. Alliance Gas were bid for, but held for an advance. The dividend is unaltered at 7 p.c. per annum. Johnston, Mooney and O'Brien Shares were a few shillings lower. Bradford Dyers fell back. Coats were exceedingly firm, but Courtaulds fluctuated, though both finally closed 3d. higher. Dunlop Rubber Ord. closed wanted for the other side. Fine Spinners eased after previous day's spurt. Imperial Chemicals again fell a few pence. Tobaccos were lower on substantial realisations. The smaller priced Gramophones opened flat but quickly rallied. Lever Bros. 8 p.c. Pref. were higher. Lesters were better and Mexican Eagle Oils were in request again.

LONDON IRREGULAR.

VIOLENT MOVEMENTS IN "RECORDS."

Dealings in the London Stock markets, as a whole, continued on a good scale yesterday, but a rather irregular tendency prevailed. Violent fluctuations were witnessed in the shares of the prominent gramaphone companies, there being heavy buying and selling by speculators. Duophones were the principal feature, but, after a sharp slump at the commencement of business, quotations shot forward again. Other Gramaphone issues moved in a similar fashion. Fortunes have been made by many people out of these shares in the past few weeks. The capital appreciation of many millions has resulted from reports of an unparalleled boom in the sale of gramaphone records. The following announcement was issued by the Duophone Unbreakable Record Company yesterday:—"The proceedings re the Duophone Syndicate, Ltd., before Mr. Justice ——— yesterday, have no connection whatever with this company, which is in no way affected." It was stated that the early slump was the result of the court proceedings. A firm tone continued in the Gilt-edged section, and although the volume of transactions showed no great expansion, quotations firmed up all round. A somewhat quieter tone was manifest in Foreign Government Stocks, and actual price movements were few and far between. The feature in Home Rails was the sharp advance in Metropolitans on the revived rumours of negotiations with the Underground combine. At the close the Consols were put 3 points firmer. Colonial and Foreign Rails continued dull, and further losses were recorded. "Canpacs," however, marked a further improvement, as did "Leos."

The principal feature among Industrials was again provided by Gramaphone descriptions, and violent fluctuations were marked in this section. Textiles and Artsilks displayed a firmer tendency, but Tobaccos were easier. Marconis weakened at the outset, and, after rallying smartly, fell back again. Dunlops, however, were firmer. Rubbers were dull and lower, but among Oils Mexican Eagles continued to improve. Among Mines, Kaffirs were quiet and generally steady, and Tins also showed little alteration.

BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CALL.

The directors of the Britannic Assurance Company have notified the holders of the 120,000 £1 Ordinary shares, 2s. 6d. paid, of a call of 5s. per share, making the total amount paid up 7s. 6d. The call has been as much dictated by a desire to give holders a chance of participating to a greater extent in the prosperity of the office as by the expansion of opportunities for the profitable employment of additional funds. If there is any feeling on the matter on the part of holders it will probably take the form of regret that a larger sum has not been asked for. This is satisfactorily enough in a company which paid 45 per cent., free of tax, on the Ordinary capital for 1925 and 1926, and has raised the rate to 50 per cent. for the past year. The total subscribed capital of the Britannic is £361,300, of which £300,000 is in Ordinary and £61,300 in Five per Cent. Cumulative (tax free) Preference £1 shares.

BANK OF AUSTRALASIA.

Increasing business has led the directors of the Bank of Australasia to the conclusion that the time is opportune for an increase in the capital by an issue of new shares. They are, therefore, asking the proprietors to authorise the creation and issue of an additional 100,000 shares of £5 each. When the necessary authority is obtained, it is the intention of the directors to offer the new shares to the proprietors *pro rata* to their holdings at a premium of £6 per share—that is, at the price of £11 per share. The paid-up capital of the bank is £4,000,000, having stood at this figure since 1921.

REFUGE ASSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

The accounts of the Refuge Assurance Company, Limited, just published, show that satisfactory progress was made in 1927. An outstanding feature of the report is the increase in the rate of bonus to £2 4s. per cent.—an advance of two shillings over the rate for 1926, which itself was increased by the same figure over the rate for 1925. The large amount of £726,447 surplus has been carried forward. The total premiums received in both branches amounted to £7,826,427, being an increase of £638,564 over the corresponding item for 1926, and the total assets now amount to £39,276,629, having increased during the year by £3,318,580. The net interest received amounted to £1,800,462, showing an increase of £128,450. The claims paid in the year amounted to £3,603,550, making a grand total of £53,109,029 paid since the office was established.

DISTRIBUTION OF L.T.V. ASSETS.

The directors of the London Theatres of Varieties, Ltd., have issued a circular regarding the distribution of the assets of the company, following the sale last month of various of the company's properties. It is estimated that, after allowing for all liabilities of the company, there will be an amount equivalent to 47s. distributable on each share.

BULGARIAN LOAN FOR £5,000,000.

It is reported that the Finance Committee of the League of Nations has reached agreement regarding the Bulgarian Loan. The amount of the loan is to be £5,000,000. Bulgaria will give an undertaking to reorganise the National Bank of Bulgaria as a private bank. The loan will be issued in England, France, Holland and America. Following the agreement English and French banks will advance £600,000 to Bulgaria.

The transfer books of the Alliance and Dublin Consumers' Gas Company will be closed from 14th to 27th March, both days inclusive.

TIN OUTPUT.

Tin Fields of Northern Nigeria Ltd.—Output February, 114 tons.

Siamese Tin Syndicate, Limited.—February, 91 tons 18 cwts. of clean tin ore were recovered by dredges. During the month No. 2 dredge was stopped for thorough overhaul and is expected to restart work about the end of April.

Rantau Tin Dredging Company, Limited.—Output for February, 74 tons.

LONDON CHANGES.

In the Gilt-edged section, Consols 4 per cent. went ¼ better to 85⅞, and of the War Loans the Fives finished ¼ higher at 102. Funding Loan and Victory Bonds each marked an improvement of ¼ on the day, and Local Loans at 64¼ x.d. were a similar amount to the good. Conversion 3½ per cent. at 76¾ x.d. were finally a further ¼ up.

In Foreign Government Stocks, the only change among Chinese was a loss of a point in the 5 per cent. Reorganisation Loan 1913 to 53. Egyptian Unified dropped ¼ to 87, but Greek Sevens and Poland Sevens were each ¼ firmer, while Japan 6 per cent. 1924 at 98 marked a similar improvement.

RAILS SPOTTY.

Among Home Rails, Metropolitan Consols were a strong spot, an advance of 3 points being scored to 70. Southern Pref.-Ord. stiffened to 76¼, or ¼ better, and Underground Ord. gained 6d. to 22s. 6d. North-Eastern 5 per cent. Pref.-Ord. were finally ¼ lower at 38, but Great Westerns and Midlands were unchanged.

In Colonial and Foreign Rails Central Argentine Ord. and Def. each finished ¼ lower, while Buenos Ayres Pacific and Great Southerns were each ¼ lower. United Havana slumped a further 1½ points to 58½. "Can. Pacs." on the other hand, finished 2 points firmer to 211, while Leos at 64¼ were a further ¼ to the good.

RUBBER SHARES DULL.

A rather heavy tone ruled in the Rubber Share Market, while the volume of business transacted continued on an extremely small scale. A fair number of price movements were recorded, but with a couple or so small exceptions they were all against holders. A dull tone ruled in the commodity market. Spot and March sold 1s. 1¾d., April to June 1s. 1¼d., and July to September 1s. 2¼d. to 1s. 2d. per lb. October to December opened at 1s. 2½d., but later went back to 1s. 2¼d. per lb. In the share market Anglo-Malay dropped 1s. 3d. to 23s. 9d., while Buntar eased a similar amount to 22s. 6d. F.M.S. Plants slumped to 45s. 9d., or 2s. 9d. lower, and Damansara, Highlands, Java Amal., and Java Para were all 1s. 3d. easier. Sapong dropped 1s. 10½d. on the day, and Serdang Central at 25s. were 2s. 6d. lower; while Sungei Krian Pref. and Tebrau were also each half-a-crown down. There were a number of other smaller depreciations, while the only improvements were those of 1s. 3d. each in Anglo-Sumatra and Sedenak.

TEA SHARES UNCERTAIN.

The volume of business transacted in the Tea Share Market yesterday continued on a small scale, while a rather irregular tendency prevailed. On balance, however, price movements showed a slight margin in favour of holders. Chubwa were a good spot, and an advance of ½ being scored, while Darjeeling and Dimbula Valley were each 1s. 4½d. firmer. Dooars spurted to 91s., or 1s. 6d. better, and Jhanzie and Jokai were ½ and ¼ higher, respectively. Nuwara Eliya finished ½ down, and New Dimbula dropped ½; while Singlo, at 70s., were 2s. 6d. easier.

EAGLES THE FEATURE OF OIL SHARES.

Conditions in the Oil Share Market yesterday were much the same as on several preceding days, for while considerable animation was witnessed, the activity was confined to one share—namely, Mexican Eagle. Dealings in Eagles were once more on a very large scale, and it was noticeable that, whereas selling orders were to for lines of 100 or 200 shares, bids were for 1,000 and upwards. The buying was accompanied by bullish talk, the shares being confidently talked to 20s. 6d. or even higher, the view prevailing that the segregation of interests should eventually have highly favourable results, while the outlook in Mexico during the current year is more encouraging, having regard to the removal of the difficulties which have been experienced owing to the operation of the petroleum law, which leaves the company in a position to carry out a more normal exploration programme. Following an active business in the "House," lively dealings were witnessed in the "street," the shares finishing at 20s. 10½d., showing a further rise of 2s. 6d.; the 8 per cent. Participating Prefs. were up to a like extent at 25s. 7½d., but the 7 per cent. First Prefs. left off easier at 19s. 4½d. Royal Dutch, which were sellers at one time at 28½, rallied to 29⅛, at which an improvement of ¼ was recorded. Anglo-Americans lost ⅛ at 4⅛, and, following New York advices, Pan-American "B" moved down 1 dollar to 44 dollars; Anglo-Persians were offered, and fell to 3⅛, while Burmahs, which touched 4¼, were finally ⅛ down at 4⅛. Creole Syndicates received much less attention than of late, and declined ⅛ to 2⅛, and V.O.C. Holdings Ord. and Prefs. weakened ⅛ to 3⅜ and 3⅛, respectively. Hamilton's Oil Concessions met with good support, and strengthened to 1s. 9d., the demand for these shares being based on anticipations of increased productions. There was little of interest in the Trinidad group. Losses of ⅛ were marked in Apex at 1⅛, and in Trinidad Leaseholds at 3⅛. In other directions Lobitos fell ⅛ to 3⅞, and Anglo-Ecuadorians and Anglo-Egyptian "B" lost ⅛ at 1⅞ and 1⅛ respectively.

INDUSTRIALS AGAIN BRISK.

Some further sharp movements were witnessed in the Industrial market yesterday, the feature being the set-back in Duophone Ords. The other Talking Machine issues were also marked lower at first, but fresh support was forthcoming later, and a steadier tone prevailed for this group at the close. Artificial Silks proved undecided, but buyers were again in evidence for most of the leading Textiles. Renewed strength was displayed by Electrical descriptions, with the exception of County of London Ords., which lost ground following the dividend declaration. Thomas Tillings were a good spot among Motor issues on bonus rumours.

As indicated above, most of the attention was again directed towards the Gramophone group. Here excited dealings occurred in Duophone Ords. At the opening the price slumped to 52s. 6d. in the absence of further buying orders. There was a subsequent rally to 58s. 9d., but they eventually finished with a net loss of 8s. 6d. at 55s. Vocalions also dipped at one time to 78s. 9d., but buyers predominated in the later dealings, and the final price of 84s. 3d. left them 3s. 10½d. to the good on balance. Graphophones and Gramophones were both offered at first, but eventually closed fractionally harder at 6⅞ and 11⅛ respectively. Victors displayed some hesitation until the afternoon, when the price went ahead again, closing 1½ higher at 72½. Edison Bell Ords. were comparatively steady throughout at around 3½. Artificial Silk shares showed no decided tendency again. Courtaulds maintained a very firm appearance and gained ⅛ at 8⅜, with British Celanese inquired for at 3⅛, and British Enkas at a similar figure. On the other hand, both American Celanese Common at 14½ and Canadian Celanese at 11⅞ came on offer. Provincial support continued for the Textile leaders, particularly for Bleachers, which put on 1s. 9d. to 37s. 3d. J. and P. Coats further improved to 74s. 6d. and Calico Printers to 30s. Listers proved a dull spot at around 30s. Of the Textile Machinists, Mather and Platt were sold and shed ½ at 2⅛.

Descriptions moved irregularly. Thornycrofts attracted attention, again putting on 3s. to 33s., and buyers also came forward for Babcocks at 68s. 9d., William Corys at 54s., Guest Keens at 38s. 9d., Brown fully-paid, however, dwindled to 10s. 3d., and Consett Irons at 13s., Pease and Partners at 56s. 6d., Powell Duffryns at 19s. 6d., and Stewarts Deferred at 31s. 3d. all shed a few pence. Further interest was taken in Electrical Equipments. Here Callenders rose 2s. to 85s., with British Insulated at 54s. 6d. and Enfield Cables at 84s. 6d. both marked 1s. 6d. higher. General Electrics also hardened to 38s. Of the Supply shares, Metropolitans jumped up 3s. 6d. to 48s. on reported buying for control, and for similar reasons Electric Supply Corporations were marked up 2s. 6d. to 50s. 6d., with Urbans closing buyers at 55s. North Metropolitans were also inquired for at 43s., and Midland Counties at 26s. 6d. County of Londons proved an exception, falling 3s. to 33s. following the final dividend announcement of 4½ p.c., making 7½ p.c. for the past year. For 1916 the final dividend was 6 p.c. on the capital as increased by bonus share distribution, while the interim dividend was 5 p.c. on the original capital. Shipping issues remained on the quiet side, and there was only a moderate business passing among Insurance shares. Banks generally had a firm front, with Bank of Australasia marked up ½ to 15 on the proposed increase in capital, the new shares to be offered to existing holders at a premium of £5 per share. Marconis improved at one time to 5s. 6d., but reacted later to 5s. Marconi Marines further improved to 30s. The Cable issues, Eastern Extensions eased to 15½, but Western Telegraphs were wanted at 13⅞. Breweries moved within narrow limits, with some inquiry for Watney Defd., which put on a point to 265½. Further profit-taking was noticeable among the Tobacco leaders, "Bats" slipped 1s. to 111s. 6d., and "Imps" gave way 9d. to 108s., with Copes Guest Keens at 28⅜. Buyers came forward for Imperial of Canada, which hardened 6d. to 38s. Stores, catering and Food Supply shares moved irregularly. Harrods eased 6d. to 71s. 6d., but Harrods Ord. stiffened further to 19s. Cerebos Salt Ord. were marked up ½ to 5⅞ on the report, which discloses a further expansion in profits, with the dividend increased from 20 to 25 p.c. tax free and on a larger capital. Land shares generally were well maintained, with a good rally noticeable in Sudan Plantations, which finished ⅛ higher at 3⅞. Pekin Syndicates were marked up 1s. 6d. to 8s. 6d.; Nitrates turned dull. Cements were fairly firm, with buyers again in evidence for Associated Portlands, which closed 2d. harder at 28s. Tractions were rather uncertain. Cities Services improved ⅛ to 57⅛, but Barcelona Com. was a point to 63. Brazilian Com. closed unchanged. Motor shares were good in places, the feature being a further advance of 3s. 9d. to 86s. 3d. in Thomas Tillings on bonus hopes. Singers put on 1s. 9d. to 29s. 6d., Guys 1s. 6d. to 34s. 6d., and Rolls-Royce gained 1s. 6d. at 34s. 6d. Napiers at 2½ and Dennis at 10 were also quietly supported.

Humbers, however, receded to 21s. 3d., and National Omnibus to 27s. 6d. Newspapers were quieter, and showed little variation. Allieds hardened ⅛ to 2½.

In other directions, Ner Sags fell back to 5s., but Triplex Glass improved to 11½. Saftex Match "B" shares were slightly harder at 20⅛, but Kreuger and Toll were easier at 43½. British Aluminiums lost the turn at 51s. 6d. Wallpaper Defd. further improved to 55s. 6d., and Dunlops hardened to 35s. 10½d.

LATEST CLOSING AND STREET PRICES.

BRITISH FUNDS, ETC.

	Closing.	Rise or fall.
Consols	85⅜	
War Loan, 5%	85⅛	+ ¼
Do. 5%	102⅞	
Do. 4% (Tax Free)	102⅛	+ ⅛
Funding Loan	102	
Victory Bonds	89⅛	+ ¼
2½% Conversion Loan	58¼	
4% Conversion Loan	76⅛	+ ⅛
4% Treasury Bonds	97¼	
Irish Land 3½%	100½	
India 3%	59	
Do. 3½%	60	
Do. 4%	77	
Do. 4½%	84	
Do. 5%	93	
Local Loans	101½	
Local Loans	64	+ ¼
Sudan 4½%	107	

COLONIAL GOVERNMENT STOCKS.

Australian Com. 5%	99	
Do. 4%	100	
British Col. 4½, 1941	97	
Canada 4%, 1940-60	97	
Cape 3½ Cons.	78	
Ceylon 4%	91	
New South Wales 4½%, 1935-45	99	
Do. 5%, 1945-65	97	
Do. 4% 5%, 1930-60	101	
New Zealand 4%, '29	99	
Do. 5%, '30-60	102	
Nigeria 6%	102	
Queensland 5½%, 1925-39	113	
Do. 4%, 1940	100	
South Africa 5%, 1935-45	100	
Do. 4%	102	
South Australian 5%, 1932-42	100	
Do. 4½%	97	
Victoria 5%, 1937-47	101	
Do. 5%, 1945-75	96	
Western Australia 5%, 1935-65	100	
Do. do. 1930-60	100	

BANKS.

Anglo-South American	8	8½
Bank of Australasia	14½	15½
Bank of England	288	
Bank of Montreal	221	
Bank of New South Wales	44½	45½
Do. New Zealand	25⅛	26⅛
Barclay's "A" Shares	215	215⅜
British Overseas	25⅜	
Canadian of Commerce	237½	
Chartered of India	70	72
Hong Kong and Shanghai	21⅞	22
Lloyds	61.0	62.9
Midland	87½	
National Discount "B"	89⅜	91½
National Provincial (24 pd.)	13	
Parr's Bank	139½	139½
Standard of South Africa	71	73
Union of Australia	14½	15½
Westminster Bank	18⅛	18½

FOREIGN BONDS.

Argentine 5 p.c., 1886	101	103
Do. 4 p.c. Revisions	94	96*
Do. 5 p.c., 1910	95	97*
Austrian 4 p.c. Gov.	107	109
Belgian 7 p.c.	107	
Brazil 6½ p.c. S. Rds. '27	89½	90½
Do. Funding, 1908	86	87
Do. 5 p.c., 1914	87	
Chinese 5 p.c., 1895	78	80
Do. 5 p.c., 1898	73	75
Do. 5 p.c., 1913	62	64
Do. 5 p.c. Reorg. 1913	62	64
Do. Imp. Ry. 5 p.c. Gld	62	
Czecho-Slovakia	111½	113½
Egyptian Unified	86	88
French Loan	103½	
Do. 4 p.c.	87	
German 7 p.c.	10	
Greek 7 p.c.	29	
Italian Rentes	100	101
Japan 4 p.c., 1905	94	97
Mexican 5 per cent.	20	21
Do. 6 p.c. 10-Y. Treas.	19	20
Peruvian Corporation	108	
Do. Pref.	88	97
Do. Deb.	104	106
Poland 7 p.c. Sterling	92½	93½
Portuguese 3%	29	30
Spanish 4 p.c.	75	
Turkish Unified	24½	25¼

NITRATES.

M.U.—March 5.

Allanza	9	10
Lagunas Nitrate	13.0	13.9
Lautaro Nitrate	1⅞	1⅝
Liverpool Nitrate	1⅛	1⅛
New Tamarugal	1⅛	1⅛
Rosario Nitrate	20.0	20.6
Santiago Nitrate	14.0	15.0
Tarapaca Nitrate	9/0	10.0

OILS.

Anglo-American	4⅝	4⅞
Anglo-Ecuadorian	2½	2¾
Anglo-Egyptian "B"	1⅞	2
Anglo-Persian Ord.	3⅞	4⅛
Do. 8 p.c. 1st Pref.	20	22
Do. 9 p.c. 2nd Pref.	20	22
Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	20	22
Asen Trinidad (5/- shares)	1⅞	
Attock	1/32	1/16
British Borneo Pet. (10/-)	13/4	14/0
British Burmah (£1)	7/3	7/9
British Controlled	4/3	4/6
Do. Pref.	6/3	6/6
Burmah	4⅛	4⅜
Do. 6 p.c. Pref.	26	28
Caltex	27/6	27/9
Caspian Sea	1/3	1/4
Eagle Transport Pref.	2½	2¾
Kern River (10/-)	9/10½	10/6
Lagos (no par value)	2/6	3/0
Lobitos	3⅞	4
Mexican Eagle	20.7½	20.9
Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	25.4½	25.6
Do. 7 p.c. 1st Pref.	19.0½	19.2½
North Caucasian (10/-)	3/0	4/0
Omnium	2/3	2/6
Pan-American "B"	44	44½
Phoenix Oil	17/3	17/9
Do. 5% shares	6⅛	6⅜
Royal Dutch	28½	28¾
Shell Transport	4⅝	4¾
Do. 6 p.c. Pref. (£10)	9⅞	10
Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	11½	11¾
Sinia (2/-)	1/9	2/0
Steaua Romana	10⅜	11⅜
Tankers Pref.	7/10½	8/4½
Trinidad Central	3/6	4/6
Trinidad Leaseholds	3⅝	3¾
United Brit. Trinidad	0/11½	0/11½
V.O.C. Holdings	2⅛	2⅜
Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	23½	25⅛

RUBBERS.

M.U.—March 5.

Amal. Rubber Est.	2/10½	
Anglo-Dutch	41/0	
Anglo-Java	4/3	
Anglo-Malay	23/9	-0/1½
Bertam Coffee	4/0	-1/3
Bukit Mertajam	4/0	-0/1½
Bukit Rambawang	2/6	
Grand Central	30/0	
Highlands	42/6	-1/3
Java Para	42/6	-1/3
Jugra Land	2/0	+0/1½
Kapar Para	40/7½	
Kuala Lumpur	71/3	
Kuala Muda	31/3	
Linggi	32/6	
London Asiatic	8/7½	
Malacca	45/0	
Merlimau	4/0	-0/1½
Meoply Valley	26/3	
Rubber Trust	38/9	-0/1½
Selangor Prop.	30/0	
Semenyih	5/7½	
Serdang Ord.	23/0	-2/6
Sungei Krian	4/6	
Sungei Way Pref.	32/6	-2/6
Tanjong Malim	2/9	
Tapah	2/0	
Tapiang	21/6	
Tavoy	4/3	
Telegraph Malay	47/6	
Tjiomas	2/1½	
Tjiomas Prop.	10/0	-0/1½
Tjirangkan	4/6	
Tjisalak	2/3	
Tjisaroni	49/9½	
Yam Seng	2/9	

IRISH BANKS' RATE.

Irish Banks' Rate	5½%
Loans on Government Stocks transferred	4½%
Deposits under £500	2%
Deposits of £500 and over	2½%

The rates in the foregoing table, which are those at present in force, are subject to variation.

STOCK EXCHANGE SETTLEMENTS.

Contango	March 19
Mining ticket	March 20
General ticket	March 7 / March 21
Account day	March 8 / March 22

BELFAST.

4 p.c. Consolidated Loan 85⅛, 3½ p.c. Conversion Loan 76¼ to 76⅜, Guaranteed 4½ p.c. 91¼, Local Loans Stock 64, 5 p.c. War Bonds 105¼, 5 p.c. War Loan 101⅞, 102; Westminster Bank (£5 paid) 18⅝, Westminster Bank (£1 paid) 5⅞, 7⅛d., Great Northern Railway 32½, J. and P. Coats 74s. 3d., 74s.; York Street Flax Spinning Co. 7 p.c. Pref. 10s. 3d., Imperial Tobaccos 108s. 3d., Dunlops 35s. 9d., Levers 8 p.c. "A" Pref. 22s., Courtaulds 8¼, 8⅜, Mexican Eagles 25s. 3d., Shells 88s.

DEALINGS IN LONDON MARKET.

The following dealings among active stocks and shares were "marked" in London yesterday:—

Dominion Bonds (x.d.)—53⅛, 1/32, 1/16, 3/32, 1/8, 5/32, 3/16, 7/32, 1/4, 9/32, 5/16, 11/32, 3/8, 13/32, 7/16, 15/32, 1/2, 17/32, 9/16, 19/32, 5/8, 21/32, 11/16, 23/32, 3/4, 25/32, 13/16, 27/32, 7/8, 29/32, 15/16, 31/32, 1 p.c. **War Loan**—101⅛, 1/32, 1/16, 3/32, 1/8, 5/32, 3/16, 7/32, 1/4, 9/32, 5/16, 11/32, 3/8, 13/32, 7/16, 15/32, 1/2, 17/32, 9/16, 19/32, 5/8, 21/32, 11/16, 23/32, 3/4, 25/32, 13/16, 27/32, 7/8, 29/32, 15/16, 31/32, 4 p.c. War Loan—101⅛, 1/32, 1/16, 3/32, 1/8, 5/32, 3/16, 7/32, 1/4, 9/32, 5/16, 11/32, 3/8, 13/32, 7/16, 15/32, 1/2, 17/32, 9/16, 19/32, 5/8, 21/32, 11/16, 23/32, 3/4, 25/32, 13/16, 27/32, 7/8, 29/32, 15/16, 31/32, 5 p.c. **Conversion Loan** 3½ p.c. (x.d.)—76⅝, 3/4, 7/8, 77, 1/8, 1/4, 3/8, 1/2, 5/8, 3/4, 7/8, 78, 1/8, 1/4, 3/8, 1/2, 5/8, 3/4, 7/8, 79, 1/8, 1/4, 3/8, 1/2, 5/8, 3/4, 7/8, 80, 1/8, 1/4, 3/8, 1/2, 5/8, 3/4, 7/8, 81, 1/8, 1/4, 3/8, 1/2, 5/8, 3/4, 7/8, 82, 1/8, 1/4, 3/8, 1/2, 5/8, 3/4, 7/8, 83, 1/8, 1/4, 3/8, 1/2, 5/8, 3/4, 7/8, 84, 1/8, 1/4, 3/8, 1/2, 5/8, 3/4, 7/8, 85, 1/8, 1/4, 3/8, 1/2, 5/8, 3/4, 7/8, 86, 1/8, 1/4, 3/8, 1/2, 5/8, 3/4, 7/8, 87, 1/8, 1/4, 3/8, 1/2, 5/8, 3/4, 7/8, 88, 1/8, 1/4, 3/8, 1/2, 5/8, 3/4, 7/8, 89, 1/8, 1/4, 3/8, 1/2, 5/8, 3/4, 7/8, 90, 1/8, 1/4, 3/8, 1/2, 5/8, 3/4, 7/8, 91, 1/8, 1/4, 3/8, 1/2, 5/8, 3/4, 7/8, 92, 1/8, 1/4, 3/8, 1/2, 5/8, 3/4, 7/8, 93, 1/8, 1/4, 3/8, 1/2, 5/8, 3/4, 7/8, 94, 1/8, 1/4, 3/8, 1/2, 5/8, 3/4, 7/8, 95, 1/8, 1/4, 3/8, 1/2, 5/8, 3/4, 7/8, 96, 1/8, 1/4, 3/8, 1/2, 5/8, 3/4, 7/8, 97, 1/8, 1/4, 3/8, 1/2, 5/8, 3/4, 7/8, 98, 1/8, 1/4, 3/8, 1/2, 5/8, 3/4, 7/8, 99, 1/8, 1/4, 3/8, 1/2, 5/8, 3/4, 7/8, 100, 99⅛, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 101, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 102, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 103, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 104, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 105, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 106, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 107, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 108, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 109, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 110, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 111, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 112, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 113, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 114, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 115, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 116, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 117, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 118, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 119, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 120, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 121, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 122, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 123, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 124, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 125, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 126, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 127, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 128, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 129, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 130, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 131, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 132, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 133, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 134, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 135, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 136, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 137, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 138, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 139, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 140, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 141, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 142, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 143, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 144, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 145, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 146, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 147, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 148, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 149, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 150, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 151, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 152, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 153, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 154, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 155, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 156, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 157, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 158, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 159, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 160, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 161, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 162, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 163, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 164, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 165, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 166, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 167, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 168, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 169, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 170, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 171, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 172, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 173, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 174, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 175, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 176, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 177, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 178, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 179, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 180, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 181, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 182, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 183, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 184, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 185, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 186, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 187, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 188, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 189, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 190, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 191, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 192, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 193, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 194, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 195, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 196, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 197, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 198, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 199, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 200, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 201, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 202, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 203, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 204, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 205, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 206, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 207, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 208, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 209, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 210, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 211, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 212, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 213, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 214, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 215, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 216, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 217, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 218, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 219, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 220, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 221, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 222, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 223, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 224, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 225, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 226, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 227, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 228, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 229, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 230, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 231, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 232, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 233, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 234, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 235, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 236, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 237, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 238, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 239, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 240, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 241, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 242, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 243, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 244, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 245, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 246, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 247, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 248, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 249, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 250, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 251, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 252, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 253, 1/4

NORTHERN PARLIAMENT.

STATE OPENING BY THE DUKE OF ABERCORN.

GOVERNMENT'S PROGRAMME.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
BELFAST, Tuesday.

The State opening of the Parliament of Northern Ireland took place to-day. The Governor, the Duke of Abercorn, left Government House, Hillsborough, and, accompanied by the Right Hon. Sir Dawson Bates, Minister in attendance, motored through Lisburn to the Parliament House. Portion of the route was lined by a military force, and the guard of honour outside the Parliament House was formed for the first time by No. 502 Ulster (Bombing) Squadron of the Royal Air Force. The Central Band of the Royal Air Force from London was also in attendance.

The Governor was received at the Parliament House by Major-General F .F. Ready, C.B., Commanding the Northern Ireland District; Lieut.-Colonel Sir Charles Wickham, D.S.O., Inspector-General of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, and other officers. While the Governor inspected the guard of honour, three Avro aeroplanes of the Royal Air Force from Aldergrove circled overhead. A large crowd assembled outside the Parliament House to watch the proceedings.

The Governor was received in the Parliament Buildings by the Deputy Speaker of the Senate (Senator Joseph Cunningham), in the absence of the Speaker (the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava), attended by the officials of the Senate and by the Lieutenants of the counties and county boroughs of Northern Ireland. The Duchess of Abercorn occupied a seat on the left of the throne, and there was a large attendance in the distinguished strangers' gallery, including Viscountess Craigavon.

After the Governor had taken his seat, Black Rod summoned the members of the House of Commons to attend in the Senate, and, headed by the Speaker (the Right Hon. Hugh O'Neill), the Prime Minister (Viscount Craigavon), and the leader of the Opposition (Mr. Samuel Kyle, M.P.), they filed into the Senate Chamber.

THE KING'S SPEECH.

INDUSTRIAL PEACE: BETTER TRADE OUTLOOK.

The Governor read the King's Speech as follows:—

MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS,—

I am much gratified by the knowledge that industrial peace continues to prevail throughout Northern Ireland. Trade disputes wherever they have occurred have proved greatly detrimental to national progress and prosperity.

The unemployment position this year has improved considerably as compared with the corresponding period of 1927, and I hope that even greater improvement will develop during the remainder of the year, and as time proceeds.

I am pleased to observe that under those provisions of the Contributory Pensions Act which came into operation on the 2nd of January last 8,900 persons who have attained the age of 65 years have received old age pensions, increasing the total number of men, women and children enjoying the benefits of pensions, contributory and non-contributory, to 78,000.

In view of the success which has attended the operations of the Loans Guarantee Acts, my Government propose to extend for a further period the power of giving facilities to industry.

CONSTABULARY ACT.

A measure will be submitted modifying in certain respects the financial provisions of the Constabulary Act (Northern Ireland), 1922, and amending the provisions of that Act dealing with the contributions payable by local authorities for additional police forces stationed in their respective areas.

Proposals will also be laid before you regarding the registration of nursing and maternity homes and for the better regulation of street trading in our towns.

It was found impracticable last session to consider proposals relative to the improvement of roads by local authorities and the acquisition of land for road purposes. A bill dealing with these matters will be submitted forthwith for your consideration.

Other measures will be laid before you dealing with unemployment insurance, national health insurance, the adoption of children, legitimacy, the storage and transport of petroleum, superannuation and other trust funds, the amendment of the law relating to fisheries, the amendment of the law relating to bankruptcy, and the amendment of the existing game laws.

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

The results which have attended the publicity campaign carried out by the linen industry in the United States during the past two years have been sufficiently encouraging to warrant its continuance for a further period and its extension to a wider market. You will accordingly be asked to vote an additional sum towards this object for the year 1928-1929.

The estimates for the public services will be laid before you in due course.

HELP FOR AGRICULTURE.

MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

I am glad to learn that my Government have under consideration measures directed to the further alleviation of the present depressed conditions with which those engaged in agriculture are faced, and I earnestly trust that the general improvement in other industries will react beneficially on farming generally.

I pray that the blessing of Almighty God may rest upon your labours.

DEBATE IN COMMONS.

FUTURE OF WORKMAN, CLARK AND CO.

Mr. Lloyd Campbell, moving the address in reply, in the House of Commons, referred to the increase in the number of persons now receiving old age pensions and the reduction in the number of unemployed. They saw in the newspapers, he said, that the business of Messrs. Workman, Clark and Co. had been bought, and they only hoped that those who had become responsible for the working of the firm would soon receive orders for ships, and, if necessary, would avail themselves of the Loans Guarantee Act to provide a still greater amount of employment.

They were glad to see that the strained relations between the local authorities and the Government of Northern Ireland with regard to the charges for additional police had been satisfactorily settled. ("No, no.")

Referring to the proposal to give greater protection to game, he said that fish and game were valuable assets to the community from a financial point of view, provided those assets were properly utilised. In the past there was no proper control, or very little control, and he submitted that much could be done to improve that condition of affairs.

He was glad to note that the grant for the development of the linen industry would be renewed by means of further support to the advertising scheme not only in America, but elsewhere. He was of the opinion that trade was reviving, and one of the chief factors in that revival was the feeling of mutual trust and confidence which was every day becoming stronger among all those engaged in industry.

TOWN AND COUNTRY.

Mr. J. C. Davison, in seconding, referred to the inter-dependence of the farmers and those residing in the towns and cities. Prosperity in the towns must be reflected in the rural areas, and it was good news that the unemployment position had improved, compared with a year ago.

"The keynote of the King's Speech was peace," he declared. "We have passed through the storms, and we have political and industrial peace."

Referring to the proposed Road Improvement Bill, he declared that taxation, as distinct from the rates, should bear a greater portion of the cost of road improvement and upkeep, as roads were now largely for general, and not local, use.

LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION.

Mr. Samuel Kyle, leader of the Opposition, declared that the speeches of the mover and seconder of the Address revealed that they had no conception of the manner in which the great mass of the people, whether in agriculture or industry, lived, moved, and had their being. The mover of the resolution had referred to the workers' developing individuality. What opportunity was there to develop individuality in the shipyards and linen factories from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day. If a worker did so he would be sacked, and the Minister for Labour would refuse to give him the dole, as his dismissal would be due to unsatisfactory service. (Laughter.)

They had peace at present in industry; but were they going to maintain that peace at the price of half-starved work people? With wages of 37s. a week in the shipyard and 25s. in the mills, some of them thought that peace was rather dear at the price.

The Government, he noted, intended to introduce an Unemployment Insurance Bill, which would reduce the amount of benefit paid to certain classes of unemployed workers. He asked if there was going to be an extension of medical benefits to Northern Ireland. There was no mention, also, of the promised extension of the franchise to women of 21.

PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION.

Tere was no intimation of restoring proportional representation to Local Government elections. When they had proportional representation in Belfast more interest was taken by the ratepayers in the elections, and since its abolition some very startling things had happened in regard to Belfast's administration. Unless there was some system of election like proportional representation that would interest the citizens that state of affairs was not likely to be remedied in the near future.

No reference was made in the speech to the extensive flooding that took place over wide areas in Ulster, or to the suggested electrical development scheme, while there was no public health legislation forecasted, although it was promised by the Prime Minister in his tour of Tyrone and Fermanagh.

He hoped that the Government during this session would treat the Opposition with a little more courtesy and respect, and with a little more of the feeling that there might be some good in the amendments which the Opposition put forward, and not treat them as helots and hewers of wood and drawers of water.

PREMIER'S REPLY.

The Prime Minister (Lord Craigavon) said that the leader of the Opposition had complained that there was very little in the King's Speech. That was done deliberately. "What Ulster requires, and what, I think, Great Britain and the whole world requires," he declared, "is that there should be as little contentious legislation introduced into any House of Parliament, because we want, if we can, to settle down to real work and progress; and, therefore, if there is nothing of outstanding brilliance or importance in the speech, at all events it will ensure that we can give most careful consideration to such measures as are introduced, and we will be able to carry through a very profitable session."

He hoped that the local authorities would carefully consider the scheme which the Government recently put before them for dealing with the Bann floods, and that none of them would turn down the generous offer made by the Government without first meeting members of the Government at Stormont and discussing the matter in the broadest possible way.

PRAISE FOR POLICE.

They must congratulate themselves, after an experience of another twelve months, that law and order had been maintained, and credit for that was due to the Royal Ulster Constabulary. It was stated that there was no reference in the speech to economy. It was not necessary; for the watchwords of the Government were "Efficiency and economy." He was quite satisfied that there was no waste, and that the public was getting full value from the establishments that were set up.

When in Canada recently, in an interview with Mr. Mackenzie King, he urged the need of a reduction in the duty on linen imports from Northern Ireland, and he was glad to notice that there recently had been a reduction announced in the British preferential rates on fine linen imports into Canada. (Hear, hear.)

With regard to shipbuilding, they were delighted to know that the yard of Messrs. Workman, Clark had been purchased and would shortly be re-opened. He wished every success to those who had embarked upon that enterprise.

The Government rejoiced at every reduction in the number of unemployed. He understood that this week there was a further reduction of fourteen hundred in the unemployed figure, which showed that already there was a slight improvement.

The Prime Minister paid a tribute to the work of the Tourist Development Association, and said that it was a feather in the cap of Northern Ireland that the principal British motor car race would be held this year in the Northern area.

HELP FOR FARMERS.

The Minister of Agriculture was determined to capture for Northern Ireland the best of the trade for agricultural produce in Great Britain. He mentioned that Northern Ireland had a larger poultry population per acre than any area in Great Britain. That industry could be increased by a further fifty per cent. The egg trade of Northern Ireland was now equal to that in cattle.

"As an earnest of our practical sympathy with agriculture," he said, "I am to-day in a position to announce to the House that the Government proposes to increase the non-statutory grant in aid of agricultural rates from £96,483 to £178,644, making, with the statutory grant, a total of £257,288, which approximates to the British contribution for similar purposes.

"Our ability to do this is entirely due to the prudent handling of our finances by the Minister of Finance, and this step has been constantly urged by the Minister of Agriculture.

"It will also be within the recollection of the House that, at beginning of the year 1924-25, the House was asked to vote a sum of £54,000, to be spread over a period of four years, for the purpose of developing certain aspects of the agricultural industry—agricultural education in the more remote districts, cow-testing associations, poultry development, the improvement of pastures and the improvement of mountain sheep. This grant would normally come to an end in the coming financial year, there being only a sum of £11,000 unallocated, but in view of the great benefits which have resulted the Minister of Finance has agreed to the continuance of the scheme for a further period, and the necessary financial provision will be made in the forthcoming estimates.

"My colleagues and I have been in communication with the Home Office on the subject of the holdings which will not have been dealt with on the 27th May, 1929, and I can assure the House that sympathetic consideration is being given to representations which have been made with regard to the position of the tenants of such holdings, and that the Home Office are at present in consultation with the Land Purchase Commission as to the steps which can be taken to mitigate any hardship which arises from any delay in vesting a holding after the date mentioned."

NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE.

The members of the Government were glad that a local firm had secured the contract for the completion of the new Parliament House at Stormont. The Governor, the Duke of Abercorn, had consented to lay the foundation stone of the new Parliament, and the ceremony would take place about May 22nd next. They hoped to have the building completed within four years, and that he and other members, with possibly a few exceptions—(laughter)—would take their seats in the new building.

The Government had also acquired from the British Government the old barracks at Enniskillen, and the Minister for Home Affairs had decided that the new depot for the Royal Ulster Constabulary would be established in portion of that old historic barracks.

With regard to the extension of the franchise to women at twenty-one, if the Imperial Parliament passed such a measure it would be a simple matter to adopt the same register in Northern Ireland for the Northern Parliament's elections, possibly next year.

"A SLEEPING DRAUGHT."

Mr. T. S. McAllister, (Nationalist) declared that the King's Speech was a sleeping draught. He would support any legislation to restore to the fishermen of Lough Neagh the rights which had been taken from them in recent years. He would resist any legislation to confirm that confiscation.

Sir Robert Lynn said that the upkeep of roads should be a State, and not a local, charge. The whole system of transportation had changed, and he hoped that the Government would give the matter consideration. He urged the establishment of the artificial silk industry in Northern Ireland. One factory had been set up, but there was room for development. He did not think there would be any improvement by the reintroduction of proportional representation for elections to local authorities.

The Minister for Finance (Mr. H. M. Pollock) said that the Government was prepared to discuss the Bann drainage with the County Councils, and to proceed with a suitable scheme.

Replying to Mr. Kyle, he said that it was within the right of the Northern Parliament to alter the method of election and abolish proportional representation. By doing so they would not be altering the 1920 Act.

The Government had no power or authority to interfere with Lough Neagh fisheries, which were settled by charter and the decision of the Courts.

Mr. Thomas Henderson (Independent) complained of the labour test introduced by the Belfast Board of Guardians, in co-operation with the Corporation and the Ministry of Labour, before granting relief to the unemployed.

The debate was adjourned.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

"HANDS OFF THE CALENDAR."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—Whatever qualifications Mr. Bolton Waller may have for the post of Secretary to the League of Nations Society of Ireland, it is clear that a sense of humour is not one of them, as he takes *au grand sérieux* an article, a large part of which was banter. It is humiliating to have to explain a joke, and so I hesitate to enter into particulars about the "ill-luck" of 13, Friday, etc. But, though neither he nor I may believe in the sinister associations of that number and day, there are millions who do; and it is quite possible that the Thirteenth Calendar might be wrecked on this ground alone. Superstition or no superstition, a Calendar of thirteen months would stand no chance of general adoption. It is a fatuous plan which would please nobody. Business would object, to it as an intractable prime number; the man in the street as an unlucky number.

The suggestion that the scheme originated in Moscow did not come from me, as Mr. Waller can see, if he will read the leading article in the *Church of Ireland Gazette* of February 10th. There it is stated, on what authority I do not know, that the change over of the Calendar has already been made without trouble by large populations in Eastern Europe and Western Asia. If this does not mean Soviet Russia and her dependencies, what does it mean? That the scheme has not had anything like proper publicity cannot be denied. The Press has been silent about it, and the principal observatories of the world, the time authorities themselves, have not been consulted. In writing as I have done, I am precisely in my proper place, without any need of being put there; for the Calendar and its connections are an important part of the business of an observatory and of its director.

A leaflet of the Fixed Calendar League which has been sent to me since I moved in the matter asks, "What is the matter with the Calendar?" I reply, "Very little; and what there is could be remedied without any drastic changes." Six months of 31 days and six of 30 make 366 days. Five of 31 and seven of 30 make 365 days. Here is material for (a) Leap Year, and (b) ordinary years. Group all the 30-day months in the winter half-year, and the 31-day in the summer and we have a Calendar corresponding precisely to Nature's year.

Does anyone want a change? I greatly doubt it. Does anyone want a machine-made monotony, with the same day of the week always falling on the same day of the month? Again, I doubt it. Does anyone want a couple of freak weeks of eight days each? Doubtful still more. I have no doubt at all that, not only does no one want, but that most people will vigorously oppose, a freak year of thirteen months. I am sure the British Parliament would have none of it. After all, what is the grievance against the existing Calendar? An infinitesimally small one. The months are not all the same length, and February has a day short, and August one too many. That is about all. Is it worth the trouble of changing? I think most people will agree that it is not. The only other inequality is that the quarters of the year are not quite the same. The difference is not worth worrying about. In the present year the quarters are respectively 91, 91, 92, and 92 days. In an ordinary year they are 90, 91, 92 and 92. By removing the extra day from August, and giving it to February, we could have the figures 91, 91, 91, and 92, in ordinary years. That is about the best that can be done within the limits imposed by Nature. If unequal quarters or months are objectionable, unequal weeks would be still more objectionable.

I have read all the literature which the Fixed Calendar League have sent me, and I cannot see, in any of their alternative schemes, any superiority to the Calendar which we have, or any case for upsetting the arrangement which has met the world's needs for 2,000 years. The sole and only justification for change would be if it could be shown that business would gain much by it, while we would lose nothing. Neither of these, I think, is true. It is to be noted that all the five names eminent in science mentioned by Mr. Waller are those of physicists. Astronomy is conspicuous by its absence. Why have Mount Wilson, Yerkes, Harvard, Greenwich, etc., been ignored?

In conclusion, I must, to avoid misunderstanding, say that the question of fixing the date of Easter—which would be an appreciable convenience to some interests, commercial and otherwise—is one entirely unconnected with the proposals which I have been criticising, and it should not be confused with them.—Yours, etc.,

W. F. A. ELLISON.
Director, Armagh Observatory.
Armagh, March 6th, 1928.

ARTICLE X.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—Mr. Amery did not seem to be comfortable in replying to Sir William Davison's question in the House of Commons yesterday as to what compensation it was proposed to pay to civil servants retained in office beyond the period of two years from the date of handing in their notices of retirement as provided in the Treaty. He stated (1) that he did not think the position was that these officials had been illegally detained; and (2) that "very naturally they stayed on pending a definite ascertainment of their position."

With regard to (1), the law under Article X clearly provides that the retirement of an applicant for compensation shall not be postponed for more than two years; and it would, therefore, appear that any applicant who was not released by the Government at the end of that time was illegally detained in the service. As to (2), if we assume that the applicants in question could have walked out of the service at the end of their two years without in any way prejudicing their rights to compensation, they would need to have been prepared to live without salary or pension until such time as their applications could be dealt with—a most compelling point which left the bulk of the applicants with very little choice in the matter.—Yours, etc.,

"JUSTICE."

Dublin, March 6th, 1928.

SMOKING COUNCILLORS.

While their business is proceeding Dungannon Urban Councillors are permitted to smoke. At the monthly meeting of the Council on Monday evening a Councillor accidentally set alight a box of matches, and the incident caused a hearty laugh among those further away from the fumes.

THE WATERFORD EX-SERVICE MEN.

General Sir Bryan Mahon and General Sir William Hickie have written to the Waterford Chamber of Commerce assuring them of their sympathy in the support that the Chamber is giving to the Waterford Branch of the British Legion in their agitation to get the Land Trust to erect one hundred houses for ex-Service men in Waterford.

PREPARING FOR AN ELECTION.

LORD CRAIGAVON WARNS HIS FOLLOWERS.

NEW LIBERAL PARTY.

Lord Craigavon and other members of the Northern Government attended a reception at the Ulster Reform Club, Belfast, last night.

The President of the Club, Mr. Robert Barnet, extended a cordial welcome to the members of the Senate and the House of Commons. He said that for some years it had been the custom of the Club to have with them on the re-opening of Parliament the members of the Government and their supporters, as leaders of the political life of the community, their object being to enable them to meet the leaders of the professional, industrial, and commercial interests of the community. He congratulated the members of the Government on the manner in which they had conducted the affairs of the State, and on the good work and beneficial legislation they had enacted.

While the state of trade left much to be desired, he was hopeful that better times were ahead. He was glad to observe that arrangements were about to be completed to re-start the shipyard of Workman, Clark and Co., and he hoped that the enterprise of the new owners would be rewarded and that more work would be obtained. What seemed to be troubling the trade of the country most at present was a surplus of labour and a shortage of wealth, and he urged that taxation should be reduced to leave more purchasing power in the hands of the people and capital in the hands of manufacturers for development.

A HAPPY FAMILY.

The Prime Minister said that since he entered politics the Ulster loyalists had been a really happy family. Notwithstanding all the trouble through which they had passed there was not one man who could point to another and say: "There is a traitor to the loyalist cause." He was always determined that he would not lay down the reins of office until the people of the province had accustomed themselves to the peace that succeeded war. He regretted that within the last few days another attempt had been made to revive the Ulster Liberal Party, which he thought for all time had been merged in the Loyalist Party, and was against any attempt to submerge the British Empire.

The policy of separate Governments in Ireland, North and South, was none of their seeking, but being placed in the position which they were, his colleagues and he laid down one broad principle—that no Ulsterman or woman should suffer from a change which they never sought; and he said that no one, not even the poorest in the land, was worse off than if Home Rule had never taken place.

When they were being charged with being a reactionary party he would point out that in the old days when they were in the Imperial Parliament there was a great clamour for a change in the education system; a cry for a large measure of temperance reform, and an urgent demand for the completion of land purchase by a compulsory measure. Those three things had now been carried out.

"THE CALAMITY."

In the electoral changes that were contemplated in the North, he urged that they should see that they had a party in the Northern Parliament twice as large as the Nationalist and Republican Party, to see that the calamity of the establishment of one Parliament might be averted. It was up to them to see that what was called the new Liberal Party and a Socialist Party were not returned to Parliament in such numbers that no leader could be found to lead the Unionists successfully against the Nationalist Party.

He would be failing in his duty if he did not warn the Ulster people that they must stand together if they were to have continued peace and prosperity. He had no doubt about the matter. On the day of the election all Unionists, including the members of that club, must work hard, particularly in Belfast, if they were to enjoy a further four or five years of peace and progress.

Mr. H. M. Pollock, Minister for Finance, said that the Northern Ireland Liberal Party had issued a manifesto, made up of a tissue of misstatements, regarding the Unionist policy, and nonsensical talk about the encouragement of agriculture and other so-called reforms intended to appeal to the imagination of the ignorant and uninformed.

He did not suppose that there were more Liberals in Ulster than an ordinary passenger bus could accommodate, but there were people who might be attracted by such catch-penny phrases as "retrenchment and reform," while they would indulge in schemes of wildest squandering.

FRAUD ON A BELFAST UNDERTAKER.

COFFIN ORDERED FOR WIFE WHO WAS STILL ALIVE.

When Charles Neill, or Polley, a labourer, was charged in the Belfast Custody Court yesterday with defrauding an undertaker, it was stated that he ordered a coffin, hearse, two carriages and shroud, saying that his wife was dead. He then produced an insurance policy on his wife's life, and secured a loan of £2 till the following day. He did not return, and investigation showed that his wife was still alive.

There was a further charge against the prisoner of obtaining a shroud and 2s. 6d. by false pretences at another undertaker's establishment. In this instance the evidence showed he brought the shroud, value £1, away with him, and on the strength of the policy was given 2s. 6d.

The prisoner pleaded guilty, and said that he had no excuse. He was sentenced to four months' imprisonment.

IRISH RAILWAYS WAGES BOARD.

PROPOSALS FOR NEXT MEETING.

The Irish railway companies' proposals for a reduction of 1s. per day in the wages paid to drivers, firemen and cleaners, together with other minor alterations in the pay and conditions of service, will come before the Irish Railways Wages Board, which will be presided over by Mr. Justice Wylie, on the 15th inst. in Dublin.

The proposals have already been considered by the Central Wages Board, but no agreement could be reached. It is stated that very strong opposition will be raised by the railway trades unions to any reduction of wages being granted, and the leading representatives from headquarters will be present to conduct their case.

It is understood that the railway companies will again rely upon Mr. H. Hunt, the general manager of the Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway, for the presentation and general advocacy of their proposals.

GUTTERIDGE MURDER.

DOCTOR DESCRIBES FATAL WOUNDS.

Frederick Guy Browne, of Sister's avenue, Clapham, London, and William Henry Kennedy, compositor, of no fixed abode, who are charged with the murder of Police Constable Gutteridge, the Essex policeman, who was found shot on the roadside last September, were again brought up at the South-Western Police Court, London, yesterday.

Dr. R. Arnold Woodhouse, of Romford, Essex, giving evidence as to his post-mortem examination of the body of Police Constable Gutteridge, said that there were seven wounds, four being wounds of entry. Either, or both, of the bullets through the eyes would be likely to cause instantaneous death. He believed that the muzzle of the weapon was held about six inches away from the eye, and that Gutteridge was lying prone on his back when he received those wounds in the eyes.

In cross-examination by counsel for Browne, the doctor said that a man a little shorter than the constable might have fired the first non-fatal bullet from the lefthand side of the constable. It looked as if the first bullet was fired by a man standing on something at the side of the constable.

The case was adjourned until next Tuesday.

EFFICIENCY IN EDUCATION.

VALUE OF UNIVERSITY TRAINING.

COMMERCE GRADUATES IN BUSINESS.

The question of the value of University education in securing for graduates ready entry to business was discussed at the Rotary Club luncheon on Monday, and yesterday an *Irish Times* representative interviewed Professor B. F. Shields, Professor of Commerce at University College, Dublin, on this subject.

If the heads of business firms realised the advantages of the thorough course of training in our Faculty of Commerce, said Professor Shields, they would not hesitate for a moment in applying to our Faculty to recommend Commerce Graduates as candidates for vacancies in their firms, which would eventually lead to responsible positions. Many of the most talented boys and girls of their year enter the Commerce Faculty, reach a high standard of achievement in University examination, and the training and ability of many could be had for the asking, provided that business men gave them opportunity of advancement in their particular firms. Our courses are specially framed to suit the needs of Irish business conditions, and so far as the courses of industrial and commercial organisation are concerned—which include commerce, accountancy, economics, national economics, transport, labour problems, statistics, banking and finance, commercial and industrial law—the theoretical and practical aspects are considered.

The cultural education of students is not neglected, and preliminary courses in mathematics, at least two languages, and geography—equal to a first University examination standard—must be passed prior to entering upon the study of advanced commercial subjects in the subsequent two years. Periodically visits are paid by the senior students to business firms in the city, and occasionally outside the city. The object of these visits is to observe many of the points discussed in the course of the lectures, such as problems of lay-out of the buildings, and the operating processes; and to gain a general practical knowledge of the conditions and organisations of industry generally. In addition, our students write, in the course of their final year a dissertation in some important industrial or commercial subject which forms part of the Degree examination. Essays in recent years were: "The Marketing of Agricultural Products," "Unemployment: its Causes and Remedies," "The Method and Scope of Either State Control or State Interference in Industry." The essay for this year's examination is the land war, "The Settlement of Industrial Disputes." Our Extern examiners, who are Professors of high standing in the economic world, have been surprised at the remarkable research, powers of analysis and practical criticism displayed by many of the Degree candidates, and have informed me that the average student in our Faculty is of a somewhat higher standard than the average similar student in English Universities.

WHERE COMMERCE STUDENTS GO.

The question is often asked: "Where do Commerce students go after leaving the University?" A great deal has been said and written on the subject. Of recent years a small number of business men—heads of fairly large firms—have been sending their sons and daughters to the Faculty of Commerce, and subsequently they have entered their father's business. Of the rest, so far as business is concerned, a number of our male graduates, and occasionally a lady graduate, enter the Accountancy profession, and a few go into different lines of business. For instance, one male graduate is at present undergoing special training in an important firm of electricians and hardware merchants in the city. Another is assistant to the Secretary of the Dublin Chamber of Commerce. A few graduates are bank officials, and some are engaged in secretarial posts. A fairly large percentage of the male graduates desire to enter Government and local administration services, and have been successful. For instance, one of the City of Dublin Commissioners is a Commerce graduate. He started his college career in Galway University College. Quite a number of Commerce graduates have reached positions as auditors in the Local Government Department, Inspectors of Taxes and other important Government posts.

A small percentage of the male graduates—varying from year to year—and a large percentage of the lady graduates remain at the College for a year after graduation for a specialised course in education, and then enter the teaching profession, either as secondary or technical teachers. The teaching profession is important, and it is essential that it should not be overlooked in considering the outflow of University graduates. A very small number of graduates go abroad. Those who leave go chiefly to the United States and enter business firms, where invariably they do well.

OPENINGS FOR GRADUATES.

As to whether there were any openings for commerce graduates besides those already mentioned, Professor Shields said that there were many. Taking lady graduates, he said many of them take up teaching because of inability to secure entry into a business firm. Secretarial work, which is a responsible position in most industrial or commercial concerns, could be readily done by a lady graduate in commerce, and the knowledge of foreign languages—Spanish, German or French—obtained in the University should be of advantage in dealing with foreign correspondence. Some have already been successful as accountants in commercial firms, and there is no reason why they should not be allowed to enter large drapery firms and, after a short period of training, be promoted to responsible positions. Male graduates should be welcomed when vacancies arise by the important business firms in the city and country, and after a spell of training they will be found to be very useful. The editorial departments of our newspapers should find them, with their knowledge and training in economics and industrial organisation, useful in dealing with current economic problems. Advertising and public relations firms should also find the graduate in commerce of service, and special facilities should be afforded them to take up positions in the banking and insurance world. Many of our commerce graduates are young men of excellent address, and with a very little training would make first-class business representatives.

THE RAILWAY COMPANIES.

The commercial departments of some of our manufacturing firms would find their training in commercial organisation, statistical methods and industrial psychology useful for the systems of control of their particular staffs. The railways might readily break their hard and fast rule of recruitment from the bottom at an early age, and consider the practicability of allowing commerce graduates to enter the service. The railways in England as far back as 1911 appreciated the university graduate in the faculty of economics, and there is no reason why the Great Southern Railway of Ireland should not do likewise. The training in the faculty of commerce is considerably useful in accountancy and secretarial work, and firms of accountants should grant special concessions to some of our graduates to enter therein.

It is interesting to add that from the year 1930 and onwards the National University will award a commerce bursary of £150 to enable the most successful candidate each year to enter a business firm abroad for one year's training in business organisation. The idea is that the successful graduate will get one year's practical training abroad, and then return, better equipped to take up a post at home.

The quarterly meeting of the Tuam Diocesan Board of Education was held in the Council Office, Tuam—the Lord Bishop of Tuam in the chair. The following governors were present:—The Dean of Tuam, the Archdeacon of Tuam, the Provost of Tuam, Canon Boland, Messrs. H. Concannon, R. E. Hearne, A. Eraut, and the Hon. Sec., Canon Nixon. The Sunday after Ascension (May 20th) was fixed on as Education Sunday for the diocese. It was decided that the Diocesan Sunday School Exams. should begin on May the 28th. The following were appointed examiners:—The Dean of Tuam, the Provost of Tuam, Canon G. R. Nixon, the Revs. J. F. Nash, J. Duke, and J. Jackson.

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MENTAL HOSPITALS.

PROBLEM OF REDUCING WAGES.

Representatives of nearly all the mental hospital committees in the Free State attended a conference in Dublin yesterday to discuss the position created by the fact that litigation was following the decision of certain committees to make reductions in the remuneration of their employés. The conference was held at the offices of the Local Government Department. Mr. C. M. Byrne, Chairman of the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Committee, presided.

After some preliminary discussion, a sub-committee was appointed—(1) to ascertain the powers of a committee in regard to reductions in the remuneration of officers and servants of the hospital; (2) to consider whether any general scheme of reduction is practicable, and, if so, how it can be made effective; and (3) to report specially regarding the Mullingar scheme. The sub-committee after deliberation returned the following report to the conference:—

"That we are of opinion that the committee of management of mental hospitals have power to reduce the remuneration of officers and servants below the rank of head attendant; the changes in the remuneration of the head attendant and the officers above the rank of head attendant require the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

"That if a committee propose to reduce the remuneration of officers and servants below the rank of head attendant, we recommend that the committee should give notice determining the existing engagement, and of their intention to offer re-engagement at a new rate of pay.

"The sub-committee have ascertained that the following reasons have led to committees of management being unable to make their resolution effective:—

"(1) Failure to express their intentions properly in a resolution.

"(2) Failure to give proper notice to the individual members of the staff.

"Any scheme of reduction of remuneration must be undertaken locally.

"The principle of fixing the remuneration of the staff on the basis of inclusive cash wages, such as has been done in Mullingar Mental Hospital, be examined by each committee. The Department will supply all available particulars."

This report was adopted by the conference, as was the following resolution, subsequently submitted by the two Kilkenny delegates, Mr. James Walsh and Major J. B. Loftus:—"That it is desirable that some avenue of communication should be formed between the various mental hospital committees in the Saorstat, and accordingly we invite the mental hospitals to send one delegate each to a meeting to be held in the offices of the County Councils' General Council at 12 noon on Tuesday, 24th April, to form a standing committee for this purpose."

ENNISKILLEN WATER COMEDY.

THREAT TO CUT OFF THE CHAIRMAN'S SUPPLY.

Mr. J. P. Gillin, Chairman of the Enniskillen Public Health and Water Committee, has refused to pay a special water charge placed upon his business, and has received the customary twenty-four hours' notice threatening to cut off the supply.

At the monthly meeting of the Council Mr. Gillin protested very strongly against the notice and the threat, and challenged the Council to sue him. "I will not pay," he declared. He also criticised the action of the water inspector when collecting water rents in telling others that he had paid the charge.

Mr. Wilson, the inspector, was sent for, and when Mr. Gillin repeated to him his complaint, Mr. Wilson excitedly declared, "It is a lie, a lie. Bring the man to me who told you that." (Hear, hear, and applause.)

Mr. Trimble told Mr. Gillin not to worry, that the story about Mr. Wilson so informing the other consumers was only a "gag," and that people were only "pulling his leg."

Mr. F. R. Browne said that whatever happened they would see that the Chairman of their Water Committee paid his lawful and just debts, and that he would pay his water rent.

The matter was referred to the Council's solicitor.

CONSTABLE DISMISSED.

On the result of the recent police inquiry into charges preferred against him Constable Cardin, of Aughnacloy, has been dismissed from the force.

GOSSIP FROM THE COURSE.

ACHILLES AGAIN.

NATIONAL HORSE WINS.

YET ANOTHER CASUALTY.

FROM OUR TRAVELLING CORRESPONDENT.

HAWTHORN HILL, Tuesday Night.

The little meeting here closed this afternoon, the Executive having the comfortable reflection that it has been the most successful in point of attendance of any that has been held since the war. The day was again delightfully fine, though a little colder than yesterday. The racing, however, was hardly so good. It produced the usual casualty that we have been seeing so often this season, Dark Dragon, a plater owned by that famous flying man, Air-Comodore C. H. Samson, breaking his neck.

The state of the going is mainly responsible for the extraordinary number of casualties that we have seen this season. It has been the same in the hunting field, where half-the horses, especially in the Shires, are casualties of one kind or another. This selling chase was won by Mrs. Rex Cohen's twelve-year-old Achilles, who cost 165 gns. to buy in yesterday, and whose owner had to go to 260 gns. to retain him now.

They were a wretched lot in the selling hurdle, for which Mrs. Sheehan's Irish mare, Sweet Lady, who has been in Devonshire since she ran at Tenby, was well backed. She had a chance two hurdles from home, but dropped back, and finished unplaced behind North Coast, who won by four lengths and two lengths from Snowcloud and Palefroi.

SCOTCH EAGLE'S EASY WIN.

Mr. Fowler, the American, who gave £2,500 for Scotch Eagle to Mr. Whitelaw recently so that he could have a good ride in the Grand National, found after racing yesterday that when Daydawn fell with him he had fractured a rib, so he handed the mount to F. Brookes. Odds were laid on him, and he led all the way to win by four lengths from the old plater, Navana, who jumped better here than she has done in many races recently. Those behind Scotch Eagle were very moderate platers, including Lord Glanely's Bachelor John, who is nine years old and is still a maiden.

Duncairn, who was a useful three-year-old in Ireland, and Patsy monopolised all the betting on the Staveley Optional Selling Hurdle. Duncairn took the lead a mile from home, but Patsy joined him at the last fence. Duncairn then hung on to him, and after impeding him a good deal beat him by a length. It was expected that an objection would follow, but Rogan lodged none. Duncairn was claiming £300, as he was entered to be sold for £50, but after the race there was no bid for him.

FAVOURITE EATEN.

Relation was an odds-on chance to beat the four other runners in the Virginia Steeplechase, of whom Yelannan jumped badly, and then came down at the fence after the water. The Mahdi began to turn it up soon after, and Relation and St. Roy then went on. The latter won by six lengths for Miss Nancy Paull, who has done most of his training herself. He is a well-schooled horse, and he out-jumped all the others here.

Duller came specially to ride Shinemering in the last race for John Beary, who trains him for Major Bardwell, and after an exciting finish he won by half a length from My Toy. Sawyers, the Belgian boy, who rode the second for Mr. Corrigan, objected for crossing after the last hurdle, but the protest was overruled.

We have no meeting in the South to-morrow, and only a minor one at Catterick Bridge, away in the North of Yorkshire. I thought DRINMOND, who was fourth in the Grand National last year, ran well enough at Leicester to give him a chance in the Masham Handicap Steeplechase, where he has the Manchester winner, Clicker, to beat. SESSAY WOOD should win the Reeth Hurdle, and MUTINOUS the Kirkby Fleetham Handicap Hurdle.

GALTEE MORE.

FORM HORSES.

CATTERICK BRIDGE.

1.30—Sessay Wood (nap).
2. 0—Amarite.
2.30—Fruscino.
3. 0—Clickers.
3.30—Battle Song.
4. 0—Commandant Dan.

Eclipse.

SPECIAL SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY.

Daily Express :—Safety Bet—Tamaratten (each way). Double — Sessay Wood and Tamaratten.

Daily Mirror :—Double—Sosie and Mutinous (nap).

Daily Sketch :—Double — Klarinski and Little Buffet.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

Shirley engagements, March 12—Lucky Toy. Lingfield Park engagements, March 10—Postino. Penshurst Handicap Hurdle, Lingfield—Sosie. Breeders' Stakes, Newmarket Second Spring Meeting—Dutcous filly and Sandyhank filly. Queen Mary Stakes, Ascot—Dutcous filly. Piercebridge Handicap Hurdle, Catterick, March 8—Duncairn Son.

All engagements under National Hunt Rules—Ma Jolie.

All engagements—Major Ray and Arzon (dead), Parmentier, Lady Burstwick colt (2 yrs.), Sporran, The Coster, The Mikado.

All engagements this year—Derelict.

CURRAGH TRAINING NOTES.

THE CURRAGH, Tuesday.

A dull morning.

BRIAN'S Conor, The Bird, Silvonah, Irish Glass, and the two-year-olds cantered five furlongs.

COOPER'S Hazel Grove, Confidence, Modern Girl and Autumn Fire were specially employed.

DAWSON'S Ingromar and Lowerney cornered two-mile-half miles at a nice pace; Cotula and others cantered.

DOYLE'S Minnetonka, Shannon Scheme and Maid of Athlone were usefully employed.

GRUNDY'S Hanoverian and Wardley Bell travelled a mile and a half.

HARTIGAN'S Annanias, Pishogue, Brown Bread and Precious Gem went a like distance at a good pace.

HUNTER'S Nell Gwynne covered a mile and a quarter; Festive and others cantered five furlongs.

PERRY'S Knocklong Boy and Prince Lomond cantered six furlongs.

PARKINSON'S Average, Erin Green, Grosvenor Happy Boy and Luacmore went a mile and a quarter.

RANKIN'S Merrie Memories and Miss Miranda covered the same distance at a good pace.

ROGERS'S The Guidon, Sparshott, Elton, Westmeath, Athford and others canteered.

ASSOCIATION.

IRVINE SIGNED ON BY PORTSMOUTH.

Irvine, who since joining Everton six years ago, has been capped Ireland eleven times, was yesterday transferred to the Portsmouth Club. Irvine took part in the last six matches against Scotland, and played against Scotland in 1922, 1924, and last month at Glasgow, while he also played twice in matches against Wales. Formerly Irvine was with Dunnaurry, a North of Ireland club. He is an inside right of marked skill and a very good shot. Last season he played in thirty-four League matches for Everton, and scored eleven goals. On Saturday Portsmouth play the return League game with Everton, and Irvine will appear against his former colleagues at Goodison Park.

ENGLISH LEAGUE—II.

	Goals.		Goals.
Grimsby Town	1	Stoke City	2

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

St. Mirren	5	Queen's Park	1
Celtic	4	Hamilton Academicals.	0

HAWTHORN HILL MEETING.

SCOTCH EAGLE'S EASY WIN.

2.0—BACHNOT SELLING HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 100 sovs. 2m.

Mrs. R. D. Cohen's b. g. ACHILLES, by Criba—Hill Maiden. 8 12-2 ..... W. Parvin 1
Mr. W. Hutchinson's HARD COURT, 5, 11-2 ..... M. Carragher 2
Mr. H. W. Forester's MUSKETEER ..... a. 10-10 ..... Lord Killeen 3

Also ran—Jollier, F. Fosters, Southover, Sloan, Kirkwood (F. Sergeant), Drinkdeem (F. Brookes), Narcorine (A. Lefebre), Bright Blue (J. Haney), Mary Dragon (Quirke). Off 2.1. (Wymer trained by Powell.)

Betting—2 to 4 agst. ACHILLES, 5 to 1 Hard Court, 7 to 2 Jolliah, 8 to 1 Narcorine, 100 to 8 any other.

Won by six lengths; a bad third. Bright Blue was fourth and Southover last.

The winner was bought in for 260 guineas.

2.30—WOKING SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs. 2m. and a few yards.

Mr. F. J. Morris's br. m. NORTH COAST, by Sir Rowland—Ultima Thule, a. 10-4 ..... F. Gurney 1
Mr. D. M. Gant's SNOWCLOUD, 6, 11-6 L. Reed 2
Mr. H. Hankey's PALEFROI, a. 11-2 J. Miller 3

Also ran—Sweet Lady (Mr. Mitchells), Victor Noir (Mr. H. South, jun.). Off 2.52. (Wimer trained by Edwards.)

Betting—5 to 2 agst. Victor Noir, 11 to 4 each Sweet Lady and Snowcloud, 100 to 30 NORTH COAST, 8 to 1 Palefroi.

Won by four lengths; two lengths. Sweet Lady was fourth and Victor Noir last.

There was no bid for the winner.

3.0—MARCH HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 100 sovs. 3m.

Mr. H. Fowler's ch. g. SCOTCH EAGLE, by French Eagle, dam by Clanronald. a. 12-6 ..... F. Brookes 1
Baroness Zoelch's NAYANA a. 10-7 T. Maxwell 2
Mrs. R. D. Cohen's MILDTOWN II., a. 11-6 ..... Mr. R. Bennett 3

Also ran—Court Scandal II., (M. Reyes), Bachelor John (F. Fish), The Royal End (Owner). Off 3.1. (Wimer trained by S. Bennett.)

Betting—13 to 8 on SCOTCH EAGLE, 6 to 1 agst. Court Scandal II., 8 to 1 Navana, 10 to 1 Milltown II., 100 to 8 Bachelor John, 20 to 1 The Royal End.

Won by four lengths; a bad third. Court Scandal II. was the only other to finish.

3.30—STAYERS' OPTIONAL SELLING HURDLE of 75 sovs. About 3m.

Mr. J. Mayo's ch. g. DUNCAIRN, by Captivation—Lethanna, 6, 11-4 ..... V. Piggott 1
Mr. J. Kilmee's PATSY, a. 12-0 ..... J. Hogan 2
Miss M. F. Cantwell-Hasbeerty's LOYAL, 4, 10-10 ..... M. Ravan 3

Also ran—Theorem (G. Lerger), Peobah (P. Trodrigh), Schlief (E. Foster), Deakris (E. Gordon), Off 3.30. (Winner trained by Hedges.)

Betting—6 to 4 agst. Patsy, 13 to 8 DUNCAIRN, 6 to 1 Loyal, 10 to 1 Peobah, 100 to 8 any other.

Won by a length; eight lengths. Theorem was the only other to finish.

4.0—VIRGINIA STEEPLECHASE of 80 sovs. 2 m.

Miss V. Paul's b. c. ST. ROY, by Viceroy—Grisiola, 4, 10-5 ..... J. Delaney 1
Mrs. R. D. Cohen's RELATION, 5, 11-5 ..... T. James 2

Mr. R. B. Thorburn's THE MAHDI, 6, 11-12 ..... T. James 3

Also ran—Early Surprise (Mr. J. Stevens), Yelennan (G. Brooks). Off 4.0. (Winner trained privately).

Betting—13 to 8 on Relation, 5 to 1 each agst. The Mahdi and Yelannan, 6 to 1 ST. ROY, 10 to 1 Early Surprise.

Won by six lengths; a length and a half. Early Surprise was fourth.

4.30—REDSTONE MAIDEN HURDLE of 75 sovs. 2 m. and a few yards.

Major T. Bardwell's b. g. SHIMMERING, by Kwang Su—Sun and Air, 4, 11-10 G. Duller 1
Mr. M. Cherizer's MY TOY, 4, 10-10 S. Smith 2
Mr. H. Stewart's WILD BUCK, 6, 11-10 ..... T. Parvin 3

Also ran—Wellwisher (H. Veal), Bettie Macrae (Owner), Astraws (Owner), Pond's Extract (T. Costello). Off 4.30. (Winner trained by J. Beary.)

Betting—Evens SHIMMERING, 7 to 4 agst. My Toy, 11 to 2, Wild Buck, 20 to 1 any other.

Won by half a length; eight lengths. Astraws was fourth and Pond's Extract last.

An objection to Shimmering on the grounds of crossing was overruled.

SPORTING GOSSIP

Closing of Entries.

Entries close to-day for the Curragh April, Meath Hunt, and Down Royal Meetings, and for the Ward Union Hunt Cup at Fairyhouse.

Irish Horse for Newmarket.

Our Curragh Correspondent states that Dark Ages, a four years old filly by Jackdaw out of Silvane, having been sold to a patron of Captain John Cecil, Boyd-Rochfort's stable at Newmarket, left Maddenstown Lodge stables at the Curragh yesterday morning for Freemason Lodge, Newmarket. Dark Ages won three races last season—the Pavilion Plate at Leopardstown, the Railway Handicap at Mullingar, and the Sugar Loaf Plate at Leopardstown.

Newmarket Jockey for East Africa.

Charles Dickens, who has recently been riding for Walter Earl's stable at Newmarket, and who was formerly apprenticed to Mr. Joseph Butters, is due to leave Newmarket on Thursday to take up a position as trainer and jockey in East Africa.

American Amateur Rider Breaks a Rib.

Mr. Harold Fowler broke a rib when Daydawn fell with him in the Three Mile Steeplechase at Hawthorn Hill on Monday, although notwithstanding this he rode Soulector later in the afternoon. Unfortunately, this mishap will keep Mr. Fowler out of the saddle for some time, but he expects to be able to ride at the Grand Military Meeting on March 23 and 26, for any case, he should be able to ride by March 30, the date of the Grand National, in which he is expected to ride his own horse Scotch Eagle at a pound or two overweight.

Fairway Slightly Amiss.

Lord Derby's classic colt Fairway has not been at all satisfactory while the test of the Stanley House team for the last two days, but there is nothing seriously amiss with him. He is suffering from a slight boil, and consequently is going through a mild dose of physic, but should be at work again in a day or so.

Lincoln Candidate's Gallop.

Walter Earl had a busy time with his string of horses at Newmarket yesterday morning and no fewer than five well-known jockeys rode in his various gallops. Of most interest was that in which the Lincolnshire Handicap horses Fohanaun and Dark Warrior took part, Biddell respectively by the trainer and R. Jones, they were stripped with Pantera (H. Leach), Beauharnais (H. Wragg), Kindred, Auditor and Swinemund. It was impossible to judge on this gallop which is likely to prove the better of the Lincolnshire Handicap pair, as neither was fully extended. The gallop can be regarded as a preliminary to a probable trial between them.

Horse Killed at Hawthorn Hill.

Whilst contesting the Bagshot Selling Handicap Steeplechase at Hawthorn Hill yesterday Air-Commodore C. R. Samson's Dark Dragon landed short at the water jump, and, breaking a leg, had to be destroyed.

A Shannon Salmon.

A splendid salmon weighing 50 lb. 10 ozs. was killed by Mr. R. Slattery while angling on the Shannon at Corbally, Limerick, during the week-end. This is the largest rod-killed fish on these waters for quite a number of years.

BILLIARDS.

NEWMAN V. DAVIS.

Davis had the better of the play in yesterday afternoon's session of the time match at Thurston's, London, in which he receives 1,500 points from Newman, scoring 842 against Newman's 513. He took his 127 unfinished to 153, and afterwards had runs of 215, 95, 134, and 313 unfinished. Newman's best runs were 92, 134 and 137. Interval scores :—Davis (receives 1,500), 12,132; Newman, 9,680.

Most admirable billiards were seen at night, Davis, in successive innings, had breaks of 328, 654, 167 and 135 unfinished, the latter including 27 close cannons. Newman, at his second visit to the table, scored 457, which included runs of 264, 49 and 31 close cannons, and at the end of the session Davis had totalled 1,139 points. During the evening Newman only scored ten points apart from his big break already mentioned. Closing scores :—Davis (receives 1,500) (in play), 15,371; Newman, 10,147.

CATTERICK BRIDGE:

PROBABLE RUNNERS AND BETTING.

SELECTIONS.

Reeth Hurdle—Grey Squirrel.
Cowton Selling Steeplechase—Klarinski.
Kirby Fleetham Hurdle—Mutinous.
Masham Steeplechase—Clicker.*
Killerby Selling Hurdle—Plumage.
North Yorkshire Cup—Commandant Dan.

DOUBLE—Clicker and Plumage.

1.30—REETH HURDLE RACE of 70 sovs. Second receives 7 sovs., third 3 sovs.

2m.

	A	st. lb.
UNISON (Mr. J. E. Anderton)	Boyd	a 11 11
SOSIE (Mrs. Rose Dun)	Thomson	a 11 11
AKEONA (Mr. W. Johnson)	Hammett	6 11 11
MENASSIER (Maj. W. E. Micaitta)	Private	a 11 11
ROYAL FALLOCH (Mr. G. F. Sandys)	Sunday	6 11 11
LONE FARM (Mr. A. Swale)	Vasey	a 11 11
BELLA DO (Mr. M. Vasey)	A. Vasey	a 11 11
INFANTRY (Mr. J. Rhey)	Peacock	a 11 11
MOLLOT (Mr. H. Clayton)	Y. Armstrong	6 11 7
VOLTAIRE BATTERY (Mr. H. Crawford)	A. Vasey	6 11 7
GOLDEN ORTIC (Sir L. Green)	Hammett	6 11 7
OAKBRIDGE (Mr. S. Elliott)	Sutcliffe	5 11 7
FOND MEMORIES (Mr. West)	Hall	5 11 7
SESSAY WOOD (Capt. H. Whitworth)	F. Jenwick	5 11 7
ROYAL WEDDING. (Brig.-Gen. R. Cheape)	Easterby	a 11 6
LEYBOURNE (Brig.-Gen. R. Cheape)	Easterby	a 11 6
LADY DELAMERE (Mr. V. Morris)	Bickley	a 11 6
SPRINKLE LIGHT (Mr. R. Renton)	Renton	6-11 6
KINGSDOWN (Mr. R. Stephenson)	Private	6 11 6
DOUBTFUL LADY (Lt.-Col. C. M. Thompson)	Pease	a 11 6
GREY SQUIRREL (Col. R. C. Fairfax)	Binnie	4 11 4
CHEKA (Mr. G. T. Thornton)	Dodd	5 11 2
MANTTO (Mr. J. Johnstone)	Davey	5 11 2
I-CEIT (Mr. John Barns)	J. Burns	5 11 2
SUNSPART (Mrs. R. Cheape)	Easterby	5 11 2
PRINCE ALEX (Mr. G. Baxter)	Gunter	4 10 11
ROYAL STINGO (Mr. F. Buckenham)	Orbell	4 10 11
PETRA (Mr. F. Sedgwick)	Hall	4 10 11
LOWBERRY (Mrs. Smith)	J. Lyall	4 10 11
PATONY (Mr. C. Clark)	Clark	4 10 6
ROMANTIC (Mr. J. E. Durchble)	Peacock	4 10 6
EMBROS (Lord Ellesmere)	Peacock	4 10 6
MITWARTON (Lt. Harewood)	Hammett	4 10 6
BACHELOR-SAM (Sir Henry Lawson)	W. Renwick	4 10 6
PHANTOM ROBERT (Sir R. Liddell)	Peacock	4 10 6
ANGELO (Mr. P. H. McKay)	Coldbeck	4 10 6
THE BROWNSMAN (Lt.-Col. A. Marshall)	Mr. Wight	4 10 6
BUCHAN'S PRIDE (Mr. W. J. Peck)	Threlfall	4 10 6
DOWN AND OUT (Mr. G. Picken)	Smith	4 10 6
GHILLIE (Mr. J. Porter)	Coldcott	4 10 6
ORCERIC (Mr. T. Taylor)	D. Taylor	4 10 6
MISLEDA (Capt. A. S. Wilson)	Storie	4 10 6
HIS CHANCE (Mrs. Wyberg)	Wyberg	4 10 6

Betting

Form. Probable Starters and Jockeys. Forecast.

30 KINGSDOWN	Mr. Hinginson	7/1
100 LONE FARM	Dunlop	100/7
304 MENASSIER	Captain de W. Fenton	100/7
000 LONE FARM	Mr. H. Barker	100/7
000 BELLA DO	Taylor	100/7
01 MANITO	Davey	8/1
000 MOLLOT	Escott	100/8
000 OAKBRIDGE	Mr. Scollett	100/8
22 SESSAY WOOD	Y. Piggott	9/1
0 LEYBOURNE	J. Goswell	100/8
0 DOUBTFUL LADY	Mr. Dufton	100/8
0 PRINCE ALEX	Mackay	100/7
204 LOWBERRY	R. Lyall	3/1
000 PATONY	Mr. Clark	100/7
ROMANTIC	Waudby	100/7
0 BACHELOR SAM	K. Pigrott	100/7
000 THE BROWNSMAN	Mr. Wyvern	100/7
212 FRUSCINO	Mr. Clark	2/1
000 ICARUS	Mr. Gubbins	100/8
000 I-CEIT	Mr. Barry	100/8
014 POLYMORPHEUS	Mr. Johnstone	7/1
402 BELL ROCK	Captain M. Dennis	100/8
000 RED ROCK	Mr. Renton	7/1
000 BUSTER BROWN	Mr. Sinkler	100/8
000 DESERT SHEIK	Mr. Carr	100/8
004 MINIVER	Mr. Threlfell	100/7
00 SOUNDLESS	Mr. G. Poole	100/8
000 SILENT GUN	Mr. Barker	100/8
002 MUTINOUS	Mr. S. Dennis	5/1
000 PAPLEY SPINNEY	Mr. Bellamy	100/8

2.0—COWTON SELLING STEEPLECHASE of 70 sovs. Second receives 7 sovs., third 3 sovs. Winner to be sold for £250. 2m.

		st. lb.
TRUE KNIGHT (Mrs. Ronald Cheape)	Easterby	a 12 0
PTOLEMAIS (Col. G. Foljambe)	Foljambe	6 12 0
THE JOKE (Mr. H. W. Tomlinson)	Lyall	a 12 0
AMORITE (Lady Lindsay)	Private	a 12 0
ALWAYS READY (Lady Lindsay)	Private	a 12 0
THE HEIR (Mrs. G. Fraser)	Pease	a 12 0
FELIX II. (Mr. C. Mulholland)	Mulholland	a 12 0
CAPDINA (Mr. R. Robinson)	Bickley	a 12 0
BALLYHEEN (Mr. J. Simpson, jun.)	J. J. Wilson	a 12 0
KLARINSKI (Mr. J. Simpson, jun.)	Balding	a 12 0
MILKWATER (Mr. G. Elliott)	Balding	a 11 8
STORNOWAY JACK (Mr. E. Flood)	Vasey	a 11 0
STRAY BEAM (Lt.-Col. H. E. Jolcey)	Wight	a 11 0
WATERFORD GLASS II. (Mrs. G. Pease)	Pease	a 10 13
PABLO (7lb. ex.) (Mr. Sinclair)	Wight	a 10 12
LITTLE QUAKER (Mr. A. F. Thomson)	Thomson	a 10 11
DELARUE (Mr. J. B. Snow)	Easterby	a 10 8
INDIAN LADY (Mrs. Ronald Cheape)	Easterby	a 10 8
BROWN JAP (Miss K. Low)	Easterby	a 10 6
BANK HOLIDAY II. (Mr. John Johnstone)	Davey	a 10 6
SCRAPTOFT (Mr. W. Ross)	Ross	a 10 3
DENBURGH (Mr. J. H. F. Chrisp)	Wight	a 10 3
FUGLEBIRD (Mrs. M. Currie)	Mulholland	a 10 3
KWANGO (Maj. R. Fenwick-Palmer)	Palmer	a 10 2
ORANGE MAIDEN (Capt. J. D. de Wend Fenton)	De Wend Fenton	a 10 1
MOORSIDE (Mr. A. Summers)	Hanney	a 10 0
RAYON (Mr. H. H. Rose)	Rose	a 10 0
AMORITE (Lady Lindsay)	Private	a 10 0
ALWAYS READY (Lady Lindsay)	Private	a 10 0
FOG HORN (Mrs. Tilleard)	Sunday	6 10 0
YOUNG PRETENDER (Mr. M. S. Thomson)	Private	a 10 0

Betting

Form. Probable Starters and Jockeys. Forecast.

002 DRINMOND	Mr. Balding	7/1
004 HEREFORD LAD	Vasey	6/1
201 CLICKER	Hanney	3/1
001 GAY DOG II.	Escott	5/1
301 WATERFORD GLASS II.	W. Gurney	100/8
011 PABLO	Weymes	6/1
302 LITTLE QUAKER	Green	8/1
010 INDIAN LADY	J. Goswell	100/8
005 BROWN JAP		100/8
050 BANK HOLIDAY II.	Davey	100/8
005 RAYON	C. Rhodes	100/8
100 TUGLEBIRD	Corner	100/8

HUNTING.

THE MEATH HOUNDS.

The meet yesterday was at Garadice, and the first draw Ferrans, where a good sized field assembled. Having in mind former gallops from Major North Bomford's covert everyone was on the alert, but not more so than the fox, who left it just as hounds were being put in. Scent seemed catchy over the nice bit of country into Pratt's Gorse, where there was a delay. Getting away from this on better terms the bitches ran, at a good pace, a right-handed half-moon, with Larchfield well on the left, to the fence near the railway in Ferrans, where they seemed to lose all trace. Hounds were taken back again to Pratt's, and brought off a very fine fox-hunt, which proved sufficient for the day. The pace at first was moderate to Drumlargan, where there was a check, but in the bottoms beyond hounds began to run, with the Kilmore road on the right, and got to Summerhill very quickly. Some demesne hunting followed, after which the hunt was carried on the Rathmolyon side, but favouring the left, Rahinstown was reached, where hounds were ran out of scent. It was an old-time sort of hunt, with a favorable point, and the going very sticky after the recent rain. Everyone now had had enough, and hounds went home. There was a good lot of falling, but no one was hurt.

THE LOUTH HOUNDS.

EXCELLENT SPORT.

The Louth had two excellent days' sport last week, and it is gratifying to find foxes so plentiful at this stage of the season. Gormanston was the fixture on Wednesday, 29th. Found the first fox in the gorse, and after doing a round of the demesne hounds pushed him out on the Stedalt side, and ran fast past the house, pointing for Harbourstown. Then, bearing right-handed, they came on by Mulakeels hill into Silverstream, through the covert, and out again on the far side, and marked their fox to ground, after a good hunt of 1 hour and 40 minutes. Finding at the back of the house at Hilltown, hounds raced this fox by the Mullagh through Wintergrass, on to Duleek deer park, where he found a hole. This hunt lasted 25 minutes, and everybody being wet through, hounds did not draw again.

Saturday, 3rd—Mooretown. There was a wonderful supply of foxes and great sport. A brace of foxes left Footstown side by side, the selected one being hunted nearly to Syddan, then left-handed back to Herronstown, pointing for Rathbran, where he was lost, after a nice 40 minutes. Found next in Rathbran, and ran past Mr. McKeever's house down the valley into Mooretown. Here hounds divided, half the pack going on with a fresh fox, which they marked near Footstown. The rest, sticking to their hunted fox, ran back up the hill by Rathbran House, back to the bog, where they turned to ground after 40 minutes. Mooretown was drawn again, and held a brace, one of which was hunted past Footstown to St. John's Fort. Leaving Skedog on the left, hounds ran back by Smarmore, on through Mooretown, to ground three fields from the covert. 45 minutes of the best, which ended a great day.

CARLOW HOUNDS.

Meeting at the Fighting Cocks on Saturday last, a good day's sport ensued. Ballintrane and some wild gorse drawn first did not hold. There were a leash of foxes in Newtown, and hounds being halloaed away from the "Round O" ran nicely over the bottom road and hill opposite. Leaving Kildreenagh well on their left, they hunted along, always keeping parallel with the Leighlin-Newtown road, for some distance. Scent, however, was poor, hounds carrying the line on to the Carlow-Bagenalstown road, close to Dunleckney, where it was abandoned. Of a brace in Rathlin, it was a poor-looking specimen which hounds hunted at a fair pace, on a much-improved scent, away from the covert as though for Leighlinbridge. Turning left-hand, they ran over the railway and on into Dunleckney, where they killed their fox in some out-houses adjoining the manor, Mrs. Vesey's hospitality being greatly appreciated after the finish of the chase. Rathwade produced a straight-necked customer, who, choosing one of the best lines of country in Carlow, made straight, with Nurney on his left, past Hooper's cross, as though for Newtown. Short of this point, however, he got to ground in a patch of briars to the left of Kildreenagh, after a splendid gallop, hounds having raced their fox for 15 minutes without the semblance of a check. Garryhundon was next drawn, and a fox from here took us towards Regan's Knock, then left-handed back through Garryhundon, over the railway, and on through Newtown and Clochanstick, to ground in Milford plantation, which finished a very enjoyable day's sport.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.

THE WARD UNION.

March.	Meet.	Hour.
To-day	10-Mile Bush	1.30
Saturday, 10th	Donaghmore	1.30

THE KILDARE.

Thursday, 8th	Calverstown	11.30
Saturday, 10th	Straffan Bridge	11.30

THE MEATH.

Thursday, 8th	Slane	11.30
Friday, 9th	Moyglare Police Bks...	11.30

KILDARE HOUNDS. — March — Wednesday, 14th, Brannockstown; Thursday, 15th, Ballentown Gate; Saturday, 17th, Courtown Gate; Tuesday, 20th, Kilmeague; Thursday, 22nd, Dunlavin; Saturday, 24th, Ballitore; Tuesday, 27th, Johnstown Inn; Thursday, 29th, Ballytore; Saturday, 31st, Enfield. At 11.30 o'c. To finish the season.

KILKENNY HOUNDS. — March — Monday, 12th, Ballysalla; Wednesday, 14th, Mullinavat West; Friday, 16th, Castlecomer (at 11 o'c.); Saturday, 17th, Bonnetstown (at 12 o'c.); Monday, 19th, Thomastown; Tuesday, 20th, Point-to-Point Races; Wednesday, 21st, Glenmore; Friday, 23rd, Bonnettstown Gate; Saturday, 24th, Mount Juliet; Monday, 26th, Club House, Kilkenny; Tuesday, 27th, Mullinavat East; Wednesday, 28th, Windgap (2 draw of woods only). At 11 o'c. To finish the season.

CO. GALWAY HUNT ("THE BLAZERS"). — March—Monday, 12th, Coolarne Gate; Wednesday, 14th, Dunsandle; Saturday, 17th, Galway (12.0); Monday, 19th, Moyne Castle; Wednesday, 21st, Tillyra Castle; Friday, 23rd, Moyne; Saturday, 24th, Headford. 11.30 o'clock.

KILL HARRIERS' HUNT CLUB.

Point-to-Point races at Dalystown on Tuesday, March 13th. First race, one o'clock. Entries finally close to-morrow (Thursday) morning, March 8th, with J. D. Kellett, Hon. Secretary, Bridgestorl, Enfield, Co. Meath.

COURSING.

CASTLETOWN—YESTERDAY.

The Castletown-Geoghegan Meeting was held yesterday. Details :—

Judge—Mr. P. J. Murphy. Slipper—D. Egan.

THE BALLYHAST STAKES—For 8 puppies. Winner, £10; second, £4 10/.

Mr. J. Robbins's bd. d. Rolls (Three Speed—Irish Question) beat Mr. P. Gavin's l. b. Grand Princess (Red Prince—Gaybeck's Pride).

Mrs. M. Egan's d. d. Barefoot Boy (What's Next—Flynn Pride) beat Mrs. F. Cleary's bk. d. Valencia (Cheerful Speed—Peggy Royal).

Mr. J. Keane's bd. b. Contadina (Mutton Cutlet—Keen Girl II.) beat Mr. J. Grehan's bd. b. Glancing (Red Prince—Gaybeck's Pride).

Mr. J. Scally's r. b. Ardehills (John from Trim—Mullingar IV.) beat Mr. J. Robbins's b.b. Beller (Three Speed—Irish Question).

II.

Barefoot Boy beat Rolls.
Contadina beat Ardehilla.

III.

Barefoot Boy beat Contadina.

CASTLETOWN STAKE—For 8 all-ages. Winner, £10; second, £4.

Mrs. Croft's r. f. d. Emerald Isle (Honeymoon—Some Stunt) beat Mr. J. Corcoran's l. b. Next Girl (What's Next—Gipsy Girl VI.).

Mr. P. Doyle's b. d. Bean Geste (Lively Tune—Calamity Jane) beat Mr. C. Claffey's bd. d. Hot Shower (Bathroom—Corea Lass).

Mr. B. Murphy's bd. d. Musty Miller (Latte—Galgreen) beat Mrs. M. Casey's bd. d. Carra-macarrid (Three Speed—Cara Dilla).

II.

Bean Geste beat Emerald Isle.
Musty Miller a bye.

III.

Musty Miller meat Bean Geste

MEMBERS' STAKE—For 8 all-ages. Winner, £8; second, £2.

Mr. Bligh's Blind Billy a bye, Mr. P. King's Malahide absent.

Mr. R. Colgan's Malahow beat Mr. M. Looram's Tinny Lass.

Mr. P. McNalse's Baile-na-mBeart beat Mr. P. Egan's Sileve Boy.

Mr. B. Murphy's Macoona beat Mr. F. Cleary's Royal Speed.

II.

Malahow beat Blind Billy.
Macoona beat Baile-na-mBeart.
Stakes divided.

LIMAVADY—TO-MORROW.

THE DRAW.

Judge—Mr. P. J. Murphy. Slipper—P. J. Kinane.

ROUNDHILL STAKES—For 5 dog puppies. Winner, £8; second, £4 10/.

Mr. H. McAleavy's Ambleside agst. Mr. J. E. Stevenson's Steam Barge.

Mr. L. Nash's Brishful Blingo agst. Mr. R. Fraser's Drumraymond.

Mr. F. McMenamin's Gliding Orb a bye.

KILLANE STAKES—For 6 bitch puppies. Winner, £10; second, £5.

Mr. F. Scallon's Cantra agst. Mr. J. McCloskey's Jump Steady.

Mr. R. Dowling's Dishwasher agst. Mr. H. McAleavy's Soelo.

Captain S. M. Mark's Lady Loughrey agst. Mr. D. Tweed's Time Up.

SCROGGY STAKES—For 8 all-ages. Winner, £10; second, £5.

Mr. W. McCourt's Lindilon Lad agst. Mr. P. Lafferty's Cabra Lad.

Mr. H. McAleavy's Crockinor agst. Captain S. M. Mark's Great Gift.

Mr. J. McCloskey's Mespot agst. Mr. R. Simson's Surprise Again.

Mr. E. Collins's Leamstar agst. Mr. P. O'Donnell's Black Dream.

BALLYCLOSE STAKES—For 16 all-ages. Winner, £15; second, £6; two dogs, £1 10/- each.

Captain S. M. Mark's Some Gift agst. Mr. W. J. Cairns's Paddy's Selection.

Mr. H. D. Freeman's Farmhill Boy agst. Mr. J. McNulty's Baker.

Mrs. J. F. McHenry's The Tanker agst. Mr. J. McCann's Myroe Silent Guard.

Mr. R. B. F. Lowry's Springtown Ellie agst. Mr. T. Young's Finvola.

Mr. D. McLaughlin's Grecian Beauty agst. Mr. J. McDaid's Bellevue Girl.

Mr. R. Simpson's Leaderess agst. Mr. W. Graham's Phantom Queen.

Mr. J. McCann's Pride of Myroe agst. Mr. J. Knox's Winnie.

Mr. J. Gibbons's Red Biddie agst. Mr. J. Thompson's Shady Sheila.

MALAHIDE R.F.C.

A PLEASANT FUNCTION.

Members of the Malahide Rugby Football Club met at Wynn's Hotel, Dublin, last night to make presentations to Messrs. Raymond, Kevin and Terence Healy, three well-known players of the team, who are going to Australia in the near future. There was a large attendance of members of the club and their friends. All present were entertained to dinner and afterwards pleasing selections of vocal and instrumental music were given.

The Rev. J. A. Sexton, C.C., Malahide, who presided, made the presentations (which consisted of three valuable watches). He expressed his regret at the departure of three of their best athletes.

Mr. Edmund Crowley said that Messrs. Healy were thorough sportsmen whose departure they regretted very much. They were natives of Australia, and

LADIES' HOCKEY NOTES.

IRELAND V. WALES TO-DAY.

THE CUP FIXTURES.

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

Another heavy defeat fell to the lot of the Irish Ladies' XI. when, in their second international venture, at Manchester on Saturday, England ran out easy winners by 11-0. In the opening half Ireland had practically an even share of the attack, but the stubborn defence of the English backs made scoring an impossibility. However, England scored four times before the interval—Misses Polland (2), Lloyd and Northwood.

Early in the second half Miss Lloyd gave England a further lead, and although Ireland now put in a good spell in attack, the superiority of the English XI. definitely asserted itself, and Miss Lloyd (4), and Northwood (2) scored before the end. It was the old story of the victory of perfect understanding, pace, and an ability to grasp every little opportunity that offered.

To-day the Irish XI. meet Wales at Gobowen, North Wales, and although the Welsh can hardly rank with the English or Scottish XI.'s, still the recent defeats have put rather a damper on Irish hopes.

THE SENIOR LEAGUE.

In Dublin last Saturday a moderate Senior League fixture was played. The best match was that at Serpentine avenue, where Pembroke Wanderers held Midds of the Mountain to a 2-all draw. The latter were without Miss Stoker (goal) and Mrs. O'Reilly (back), who were at Manchester, but otherwise were fully represented. Pembroke Wanderers were playing a substitute at right half. The half-time score was 1-all, but had it not been for the splendid Pembroke Wanderers' defence Midds should have had a comfortable lead. Again, in the second half, Wanderers were kept on the defensive, and great credit is due to Miss C. Magee (goal), Miss Bassett and Miss McHugo (back), that the visitors' forwards only got through twice.

For Midds the scorers were Miss Moore (2) and Miss McCann; and for Wanderers Miss Dowling, Miss Starkie, and Miss Whiteside. Pembroke Wanderers have been doing usually well for a team set up from Middle League ranks; but, certainly, Saturday's was their best achievement so far. Apart from the back division, Miss C. Byrne, at centre-forward, played a good game, and the best of the forwards were Miss A. Carrick and Miss A. Bowling. For a good Midds forward line, Miss Robinson, Miss Moore, and Miss McCann were prominent. Miss Taylor was the pick of the middle line, and Miss Casey the sounder full-back.

TEAM CHANGES.

Monkstown were visitors at L.C.C. where, although playing one short, they defeated Muckross by 3-1. Muckross have been forced to make yet another change—on their already much-changed team. Miss M. Kelly being out of the game for the remainder of the season, her place at inside left is being filled by her sister, Miss A. Kelly. Monkstown were a great deal on the interval, and, if the Muckross forwards had scored every time the opportunity arose, they should have been at least four or five goals to the good. As it was, Monkstown drew level soon after half-time, and before very long scored a second time. Miss A. Kelly scored for Muckross and Mrs. Read (2) for Monkstown.

For Monkstown Miss Taylour (back), Miss White (right half), Mrs. Read, and Miss Daly showed up well. Best for Muckross were Miss Foster (back), Miss Ennis (right half), Miss O'Rourke, and Miss Lawndes (forwards).

Old College had a narrow win by 2-1 over Dublin University at Sydney Parade. The winners had the best of matters in the opening half; but Miss McLean saved well, only one shot—from Miss Hogg—beating her. After the interval Miss Cullen added a second goal, but before the end Miss Thompson reduced the lead with a strong shot.

TREFOILS' WIN.

At Temple Hill Trefoil had a comfortable win over High School by 4-1. Miss K. Morrell (2), Miss E. Morrell, and Miss Darby scored for the winners. Miss Jonkin netting the High School goal.

Old Wesley beat Muckross 2nd 2-nil at Terenure. The latter were playing one short all through; and, although the first half was of an even nature, Wesley were better after the interval, and scored once, Miss Spence and Miss Booth.

The final of the Middle Badges was played at Serpentine avenue, and resulted in a surprise win for Midds 4th over Midds 3rd by 2-1. The 4th led 2-0 at half-time. Miss Davidson scoring both goals. After the interval the 3rd kept up a continual attack, but the slowness of their forwards and the soundness of the 4th defence combined to prevent a score, until Miss Pringle succeeded in beating Miss Coffey.

Midds 2nd went down to Old College 2nd in the semi-final of the Intermediate Badges, the score being 3-2. Miss Braddish opened the score for the College, and Miss Porter added a second goal soon after. Miss P. Wallis reduced the lead off a corner, on resuming Miss Porter scored for the winners. Miss Wallis netting the second Midds' score.

CUP FINALS.

On Saturday next the final of the Leinster Senior Cup will be played between Midds of the Mountain (holders) and Optimists. Both teams are showing good form lately, and the result is sure to be very close. The winner of this match will travel to Cork on March 17th to play the winner of the Munster Cup in the semi-final of the All-Ireland Cup. The final of the Irish Cup will be played on 31st March at either Dublin or Belfast.

The semi-final of the White Cup will be played in Dublin on March 24th between Ulster (Intermediate Badges) winners and Leinster winners, the winner of this match meeting the Munster winners on 31st March at Dublin or Belfast.

The Junior Interprovincials will be played on the 16th and 17th March. On the first day Ulster play Munster, the winner meeting Leinster on St. Patrick's Day.

LEINSTER LADIES' UNION.

THE JUNIOR TRIALS.

The following teams have been selected for the Junior Interprovincial trial, to be held at Terenure National Bank ground) at 4.15 tomorrow:—

A Team—Misses Cox (Dublin University); Brown (Old College), Mahoney (Manis of the Mountain); Buchanan (Rutland R.S.), O'Dea (Monkstown), Dilworth (Monkstown); O'Neill (Bray), Porter (Old College), Kelly (Muckross), O'Mara (U.C.D.), Workman (Old College).

B Team—Misses Stanley (Maids of the Mountain); Wadsworth (Monkstown), Pilkington (Old College); Pigot (Maids of the Mountain), Perry (Maids of the Mountain), Good (Maids of the Mountain); Phelan (U.C.D.), Another, Wallis (Maids of the Mountain), Bradish (Old College), Carroll (Monkstown).

C Team—Misses White (Monkstown), Beary (Civil Service), Scott (Rutland R.S.); McGilligan (Monkstown), Pemberton (Grangegorman), Donaldson (Old College); Nichols (Optimists), Lombard (Dublin University), Rose (Bray), Riddall (Antiquity), Tyndall (Maids of the Mountain).

D Team—Misses Moynihan (U.C.D.), Dacus (Bray), O'Connell (Muckross); R. Noel (Bray), Cody (Newcomes), Bumbrick (Trefoil); Another, Flanagan (Trefoil), H. Scott (U.C.D.), Baird (Grangegorman), Van Hemreigh (National Bank).

Subs—Misses Dunn (High School), Condron (Trefoil), Barnes (Nutgrove), Coulson, (Junior) (Old comers), G. Jennings (National Bank), Molloy (Monkstown), A. O'Shea (Muckross), M. Whiteside (Pembroke Wanderers), Edison, (Criterion), G. Keogh (National Bank), Stewart (High School).

LEINSTER BRANCH I.H.U.

The monthly Branch Council meeting will be held to-night at 8 Merrion Row, at 8 o'clock.

MINOR CUP—FINAL.

The Minor Cup final, between Bray Rovers II. and Avoca School, will be played on the Y.M.C.A. ground on Saturday next at 3.15 p.m.

ENGLAND V. THE REST.

FINAL TRIAL MATCH AT BECKENHAM.

The following teams have been selected for the final trial match—England v. The Rest—at Beckenham on Saturday next:—

England—E. E. Brett (Midlands); A. W. Godfrey (Combined Services) and S. A. Black (East); H. A. Hinde (Combined Services), E. S. Roare (West), and T. L. Rowan (East); C. P. Vines (Combined Services), F. C. Harrison (North) (capt.), F. W. Carpenter (South), L. H. Shelley (East), and A. D. O'Gilvy (South).

The Rest—W. H. Higgs (Combined Services); V. T. Huntley (West) and C. A. Fiddian Green (Midlands); R. Y. Fison (East), B. W. Kirkaldy (Midlands), and J. D. Lawrence (Combined Services); J. Cimes (South), S. H. Saville (East) (capt.), T. W. Mansergh (East), W. J. Berry (East), and K. G. Chilman (North).

TO-DAY'S FIXTURES.

Dublin University v. Leinster (Juniors) XI., College Park, 3.30.

St. Andrew's, Bray, v. Kingstown G.S., Bray, 3.45.

Old College II. v. Criterion (L.L.), Serpentine avenue, 5.15.

THREE ROCK ROVERS.—Practice at Foxrock, 4.15. The following are requested to turn out in addition to those already notified:—R. Bruce Jones, J. Kahan, F. Eustace.

GOLF.

IRISH CHAMPIONSHIPS.

As already announced, the Irish Ladies' Championship will be played on the course of the Cork Club at Little Island on March 27.

The Irish Professional Championship this year goes to the County Sligo Club, at Rosses Point, the competition, over 72 holes, medal play, starting on April 24.

A month later (May 29, etc.) the second Irish Open Championship will be held at the Royal County Down Club, Newcastle. On June 18 and following days the Irish Amateur Close Championship will be played for at Castlerock. The Irish Amateur Open Championship is listed for the Royal Dublin links on September 10, etc., and will be preceded on the Saturday by the Ireland v. England match.

Entries close as follow with Mr. Alan B. Kidd, 6 Cambridge terrace, Leeson Park, Dublin:—Professional—Wednesday, April 18; Irish Open—Thursday, May 17; Amateur Close—Monday, June 11; Amateur Open—Wednesday, August 29.

LADIES' GOLD MEDAL.

The I.L.G.U. (Dublin District) gold medal will be played for at The Castle on Friday, March 16th. Draws at 10.30, 11 and 2 o'clock.

CLUB NOTICES AND REPORTS.

MUSKERRY.—Ladies' Branch. At the annual general meeting the following officers were elected:—Captain, Mrs. F. G. Phillips; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Miss L. O'Grady; committee—Mrs. J. Burke, Mrs. N. Tucker, Miss A. Ryan, Miss F. Fitzpatrick, Miss P. O'Connell. The club secretary's and Treasurer's reports showed a very satisfactory financial position, with a much increased membership.

KILLINEY.—Ladies' Branch. Friday, March 9, monthly medal; 18 holes, strokes; arrange opponents. Surprise foursomes 21st, Mrs. Fry and Mrs. Tallon, 5 down; 2nd, Mrs. Carroll and Mrs. Carey, 6 down.

MILLTOWN.—Ladies' Branch. Monthly medal. Class I., Mrs. Thrift (16), 85; Miss Yarr (17), 85; Class II., Miss Moore (21), 78; Mrs. J. Keogh (33), 82.

ELM PARK.—Ladies' Section. To-day, monthly medal; arrange opponents. Wednesday, March 21, stroke competition.

SUTTON.—Saturday next, monthly cup winners (12) v. finals. Qualified—C. Klingner v. J. Boyd, G. T. Fitzgerald v. W. J. Gill, J. Sibley v. Mrs. MacClancy, J. Courtney v. E. C. Hogg, I. J. Geary v. R. H. Chadwick.

LUCAN.—Ladies' Branch—March 9th, 18 holes, strokes. Prize presented by the club. Draws at 11, 2.30 and 5.30 o'clock. Players entering for the morning and afternoon draws must arrange their opponents. March 16th—Turley Cup. Entries close on the 11th March.

ST. ANNE'S.—Monthly medal, 11th March.

HOWTH.—Ladies' Branch.—Saturday, March 10th—Monthly medal, strokes. Arrange opponents. Draw at 3.30 for ladies who have not arranged opponents. Ladies are requested to play early if possible.

WOODENBRIDGE.—February medal—Winner, J. S. Deane (1st); second, R. Saville (2nd). March medal—Winner, J. S. Deane, 69 nett; second, R. Saville, 76 nett.

LONDON MINING MARKET AGAIN DULL.

TIN SHARES REMAIN FIRM.

There was still a considerable business in progress in some of the speculative departments of the Stock Markets yesterday, but once more it was mainly confined to Industrials and Oils, and the Mining Market again occupied a very inconspicuous position. In the Kaffir section less than a score of changes could be recorded, and these were irregular in character and insignificant in extent. Among the Finance descriptions, Union Corporation not unnaturally were subject to profit-taking following their recent steady advance, but they were finally only a trifle lower, there being a good fresh demand in sympathy with the rise in San Francisco. Rand Mines also eased, but Central Mining, Goldfields, "Johannies," Anglo-American and Anglo-French were unaltered. Some of the Cape Stocks were harder, though that centre was by no means an active buyer. Consolidated Main Reef and Nourse Mines jumped up sharply, and Modder "B" and Robinson Deep "B" strengthened. There was again a fair volume of trading in certain Rhodesians, and Chartered were freely bought. There was, however, considerable profit-taking, and on balance the shares were a trifle lower. Tanks moved up, but Zams were content to maintain their former level. Gaika were flat on the announcement that the reorganisation of the mine and plant would take the three months' profit almost negligible. Chartered and General improved, but Congo Border were dullish, and the other Northern issues were hardly mentioned. Apart from Premier Pref, which rose on small investment buying, Diamonds were idle, the only other movement recorded being a shrinkage in Angola. The price of tin was 6s. 3d. lower at £236 per ton, but the share market maintained a firm appearance. Malayans and Tavoy were slightly on the wrong side, but Ipoh, Kramat Pulai and Northern Tavoy advanced. There was a fair business in the Anglo-Oriental issues, but fluctuations were not so wide as on the preceding day. Naturally the fusion scheme is not popular in the market, seeing that when it is completed there will be the shares of only one company instead of thirteen to be dealt in. Several of the Nigerian members of this group were in strong demand, the Bauchis being very prominent. The only exception was Kelt, which left off a trifle easier. Sympathy with the improvement in the prices of lead and spelter, Zinc Corporation Ord. and Pref. came into request and moved up, the other Barriers keeping firm. Star Emerald receded on profit-taking. Rio Tinto, in the Copper section, were again bought, the metal showing a further advance. Messina were also wanted on the publication of the satisfactory return for the past month. Russians continued to attract considerable attention, and Russo-Asiatic further advanced, partly in sympathy with the improvement in Mount Isa. Elsewhere a feature was provided by San Francisco, a good inquiry finding the market none too well supplied with shares. Mexico Mines and Mexican Corporation continued in request, and Burma strengthened. Closing prices:—

SOUTH AFRICAN.

M.U. Mar. 5.		
22/9	Afric. & Eur.	22/6-23/0
21/3	Amal. Mar. Trd.	21/0-21/6
27/6	Anglo-A. Cn.	27/3-27/9
27/9	Anglo-Fr'ch.	27/3-27/9
4/18	Brakpan	4/15-4/17½
19/4	Cent. Mining	19/4-19/7½
19/3	City Deep	19/4-19/6
2/5	Con. Goldfds	2/5-2/5
19/9	Cons. M. Recf	19/9-19/6
19/6	Cons. M. Sel.	19/6-20/0
2/7	Crown Mines	2/6-2/7½
15/9	Durban Deep	15/9-16/0
17/9	E'rand Prop	17/6-18/0
4	Geduld	3/15-4/2½
4/6	Golden Deep	4/6-4/9
1/9	Gen. Mining	1/7½-1/9
1/4	Glynn's L'be	1/4-1/5
2	Govt. M. (d)	1/15-2/1½
1/0	Hend'son Pltn.	1/0-1/0
3 4½	Henderson's	3/3-3/6
48/6	Johan'nvale	46/3-48/3
2/1	Klein'fontein	2/0½-2/1½
11/6	Knight's	11/3-11/9
22/3	Langlaagte'R	22/0-22/3
4/9	Lydenb'g Pln	4/6-4/9
1/18	Meyer&Char	1/18-2/2
2/9	Modderfontn	2/6-2/9
25/3	Modder B	25/3-25/9
1/15	Modder Deep	1/15-1/17½
1/18	Modder East	1/15-1/18
1/15	New S.Areas	1/15-1/17½
6/0	Nigel	6/0-6/3
1/9	Nourse	1/9-1/9
4/3	Oceana	4/3-4/6
4/9	Polgoil'rust.	4/6-4/9
1/3	Rand Mines	1/3-1/3
1/3	Randfontein	1/3-1/3
1/18	Robinson D.	1/18-1/18
1/6	Rose Deep ...	1/6-1/6
3/9	Simmer & J.	3/7½-3/9
1/9	S.A. G. Trust	1/9-1/9
1/5	S.A. Towns.	1/5-1/5½
3/16	Springs	3/13-3/16
1/3	Sub Nigel ...	1/3-1/3
3/4	Sub Nigel ...	3/3-3/4½
4	Trans. Del. B	3/6-4/3
2/18	Trans. Cons.	2/15-2/18
10/3	Trans. Devel.	10/3-10/9
4/2	Union Corp.	4/2-4/3
1/3	Van Ryn	1/3-1/3
5/16	De. Deep ...	5/9-5/12
2/32	Vereeniging	2/32-2/36
2/4	Village Deep	2/3-2/4
14/0	West R. Con	13/9-14/3
2/40	West Springs	2/4-2/5
1/9	Wit. Deep ...	1/7-1/9

RHODESIAN.

M.U. Mar. 5.		
8/6	Rechenza Ex	8/6-9/0
7/3	Rhine Trust	7/3-7/6
4/4½	B. N'Kubwa	4/4½-4/7½
2/7	Cam'k Mobor	2/7½-2/9
27/6	Chas. R.S.A.	27/6-28/1½-0/1½
2/6	Falcon'dge	1/9-2/3
13/0	Gaika Gold	11/3-12/3-1/3
13/0	Globe & Phn	13/0-13/6
9/4½	Gold F. Rho.	9/4½-9/7½
7/18	Lonely Reef	7/18-7/18
1/3	Rezenda Con.	1/3-1/3
5/4½	R. Broken H.	5/1½-5/4½
1/3	R. Cons. Bor.	1/1½-1/3
7/10½	Salisbury (2/6)	7/6-8/1
13/0	Shamva	13/0-16/0
3/6	Sher'd Star	3/6-3/9
2/6	Sinf. Mtln.	1/3-2/6
3/8	Tangan. Con	3/1½-3/4 +1/16
3/16	Vic. FallsOrd	3/13-3/16
33/6	Wanderer	33/6-34/0
1/4	Wankie Col.	24/6-25/0
7/6	Willoughby	7/3-7/6
27/6	Zambi. Exp.	27/3-28/0

DIAMOND.

15/9	Angola Dia.	11/3-11/4-1/9
18/0	Cn.D.S. Pf.	18/0-18/3
13/9	Jagersfd Def.	16/1½-16/4½-0/3
1/3	Jagersf'tein.	1/3-1/3
3/3	Jos. Tin	3/3-3/6
3/6	Kaffrar'nd	3/6-3/6
5/4	Premier Pref	5/1½-5/4½
14/6	WestAfrican	12/9-13/9

AUSTRALIAN.

11/0	Amal. Zinc ...	11/3-11/9
1/0	Associated ...	11/0-1/1
22/3	B. Hill Prop.	22/0-22/3
2	Do. Sotith.	2-2/1
15/3	Broc. Zinc Pf.	15/1½-15/4½
2/3	Bullfinch ...	2/1½-2/3
13/9	Sth. Kalgurli	13/9-14/0
18/9	Star Kmbl. ...	18/9-19/0
2/3	Sulphide Cor.	2/1½-2/3
19/6	Do. Pref. ...	19/3-20/3
1/3	Zinc Corp. Ord.	1/1½-1/3
9/16	Do. Pref. ...	9/4½-9/7½
2/1	Lo. Z. Rio Ord.	2/1-2/1½+1/16

COPPER.

£2 3	Arizona (5/-) ..	12/9-13/6
13/9	Messina	12/10½-13/4½+0/1½
13/9	Rio Tinto ...	13/9-14/0
16/10½	Mt. Morgan ...	16/6-17/6
3/32	Namsoos	3/29-3/32
44/6	RioTinto Ltd.	46½-48½+1¼

RUSSIAN.

9/3	Lena Gold ...	9/3-9/6-0/1½
4/0	Russo-Asiatic	3/13-4/4+0/1½

* Ex Dividend. † Ex Rights

BRITISH REVENUE.

RECEIPTS.

	Estimates for 1927-28.	April 1, 1927, to March 5, 1928.
Customs	112,120,000	102,055,000
Excise	145,760,000	129,282,000
Motor Vehicle Duties	14,350,000	14,350,000
Estate, etc., Duties	67,800,000	69,510,000
Stamps	25,600,000	22,070,000
Land Tax, etc.	530,000	530,000
Income Tax	247,000,000	208,846,000
Super Tax	63,000,000	45,800,000
Excess Profits Duty	3,000,000	—
Corporation Profits Tax	2,700,000	1,640,000
Post Office	62,000,000	59,100,000
Crown Lands	1,000,000	1,000,000
Interest on Investments	25,500,000	18,839,359
Miscellaneous—		
Ordinary Receipts	30,500,000	28,551,804
Special Receipts	37,000,000	27,867,811
Total	£834,830,000	740,085,923

EXPENDITURE.

	Estimates for 1927-28.	April 1, 1927, to March 5, 1928.
	£	£
National Debt Services	370,000,000	367,260,862
Road Fund	19,500,000	19,312,015
Payments to Local Taxation	14,500,000	10,802,670
Payments to Northern Ireland	8,400,000	4,021,812
Other Consolidated Fund Services	3,700,000	3,087,620
Supply Services	420,490,000	370,155,943
Total	£,833,590,000	774,551,127

LADIES' SENIOR CUP MATCHES.

The results of the Ladies' Senior Cup matches (Dublin District) were:—

First Round—Hermitage beat Kingstown; Island beat Greystones.

Final—Island beat Hermitage—7 matches to 3.

At The Island:—

Island.		Hermitage.	
Miss Jackson	1	Mrs. Madill	0
Mrs. Jameson	1	Mrs. M'Intyre	0
Mrs. Hall	1	Miss Kavanagh	0
Mrs. Beatty	1	Miss Hannon	0
Miss Wardell	0	Mrs. Hickey	1
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DUBLIN DISTRICT COURT.

SEAMAN'S ADVANCE NOTES.

ALLEGED FALSE PRETENCES.

(BEFORE A.R. COLLINS.)

Thomas H. Cedric, *alias* T. H. Arthur, *alias* William Storm, said to be an Australian, was charged with obtaining £4 from Messrs. J. J. Graham and Company, Westmoreland street, and £9 10s. from Messrs. Manfield and Company, Sackville street, by falsely posing as chief steward of the ss. Heathfield. The offences were alleged to have been committed on June 19, 1926.

John McKenna, assistant in Messrs. Graham's chemist shop, said that the defendant came to the shop and stated that he was chief steward of the ss. Heathfield, and wanted the ship's medicine chest refilled. The witness gave him £4 on a seaman's advance note for £9 10s., made out in the name of T. H. Arthur, which he said was his name. He was to have come back on the 21st for the balance, but he did not do so. The witness found that there was no ship of the name given by the defendant at the quays or expected. The advance note was returned from Barclays Bank marked: "No authority to draw."

Evidence was given that the defendant purchased boots at Messrs. Manfield's to the value of £2, and tendered a seaman's advance note for £9 10s., receiving £7 10s. in change. He stated that the note was payable to himself as T. H. Arthur, chief steward of the ss. Heathfield

Detective-Sergeant Gullinan, who was in charge of the case, said that the accused man, who had been arrested by the Belfast police, stated that he would pay back the money if he got time

The defendant was remanded until next Monday.

SHANNON TANK EXPLOSION.

At the inquest in Limerick yesterday on James Heery (30), a Shannon scheme worker, who died from injuries received as the result of a tank explosion last Saturday, it was stated that the explosion occurred as a compressed air tank was being moved. Heery was blown five or six yards' away, and another worker named Ryan was knocked down.

Evidence was given by two German engineers, who stated that they could not account for the explosion, as the tank had worked satisfactorily.

A verdict in accordance with the medical evidence was returned.

On March 18th an interesting Service will be held in Christ Church, Amsterdam. The old Holland Regiment (The Buffs) will send over officers to present, at the Morning Service, a flag to the Church in memory of their services in Holland from 1576-1665. The Bishop of Northern and Central Europe will dedicate the flag and in the afternoon hold a Confirmation Service.

RUBBER CROPS FOR FEBRUARY.

Amherst, 12,187 (nil); Banir, 17,068 (nil); Bulob, 6,000 (nil); Durian Sebatang, 15,200 (nil); Bagleburt, 11,153 (nil); Bow Seng, 9,761 (nil); Bukit Rajah, 23,537 (nil); Cultivation, 15,000 (nil); Gapthele, 15,500 (13,370); Harewood, 16,817 (nil); Jasi, 3,055 (nil); Johore Rubber, 32,900 (nil); Kuala Gah, 29,000 (16,200); Kian Hoe, 21,157 (nil); Loengsor Java, 17,000 (nil); Merah, 10,350 (nil); Madingley Malay, 15,000 (nil); Panawatte, 25,777 (14,338); Reservoir, 5,800 (nil); Tavoy, 9,100 (nil); Selama Malay, 9,453 (nil); Yakan, 14,060 (nil); Teleng, 24,500 (nil); Tongchurai, 15,000 (nil); Bidor, 24,500 (17,000); Bernam Perak, 24,900 (21,858); Brasch, 14,480 (25,075); Batu Kaia, 39,200 (nil); Caledonian Ceylon, 50,000 (115,437); Cleely, 9,868 (12,570); Gairlal Malacca 17,000 (31,000); Golconda Malay, 39,374 (61,438); Johore River, 48,327 (37,994); Krubong Malacca, 6,000 (nil); Lubok, 15,900 (32,976); Lubok, 15,900 (48,000); Layang, 58,002 (55,000); Lok Kawi, 38,000 (40,000); Malaya (Golconda), 6,000 (nil); Menai Dol, 41,200 (36,500); Nanette, 9,509 (11,143); Pontian Malay, 27,500 (21,100); Petong Java, 54,500 (40,234); Perak, 19,600 (50,200); Rambia, 30,226 (38,272); Sedenak, 85,000 (70,600); Singapore Para, 66,435 (56,788); Sumatra Cons., 53,090 (nil); do Property, 35,115 (nil); Sungei Para, 85,000 (nil); Sungei Krut, 31,180 (nil); United Sumatra, 55,696 (nil); Yatiyantota, 9,351 (11,554).

(Crops for February, 1927, in parentheses.)

PROVINCIAL EXCHANGES.

BIRMINGHAM.—Commercial Car Shares again firmer. Guys reported again, new shares touching 20/- premium. Leylands and Mandsleys up to 21/-; Austins, 18/3; ditto Preferred, 11/6½; Bluemels, 5/-; Components, 15/3; S.T.D., 5/1½; Enfields, 24/10½; Guys, 34/5; Humber, 21/9; Lucas, 89/-; Dennis, 9/11½; Napiers, 58/6; Rolls, 34/3; Rovers, 7/10½; Singers, 59/-; Standard, 11/6; Triumphs, 20/6; Dunlops, 33/9.

MANCHESTER.—Textiles generally good. Advance in Dyers, Bleachers and Calicos. Bleachers, 36/-36/6; Calicos, 30/30/6; Dyers, 45/6-46/6; Cottons, 50/-51/-; Spinners, 53/6-54/-; "Nelsons," 8/-8/3; Coats, 74/-74/6; Velvets, 22/6-22/9; Courtaulds, 2¹¹/₁₆-3¼; Dunlops, 33/9-34/-; Nuera Silk, 36/3; ditto Deferred, 23/9; Celanese, 61/3; ditto Pref., 30/5; Turner and Newall, 65/-.

NEW COMPANIES REGISTERED.

The following new companies have been registered in the Companies' Registration Office, Dublin Castle:—

Veritas Co., Limited (private company)—Registered 1st March, 1928. Registered office, Dublin. Nominal capital, £15,000, divided into 15,000 shares of £1 each. Signatures to the memoradnum of association—1. Briscoe, Hubert, 18-19 College Green, Dublin, stockbroker—1 share; 2. Cassidy, Louis, 24 Fitzwilliam square, Dublin, M.D.—1 share. This company has been formed for the purpose of carrying on the business of the Catholic Truth Society of Ireland, which, according to the articles of association, is to carry on "the trade or business of proprietors and publishers of newspapers, journals, magazines, periodicals, books, pamphlets, printers and book sellers, newsagents, photographers, church and school furniture, vestments, clothing, etc., and to act as tourist agents, etc."

India Tyre and Rubber Co. (I.F.S.), Limited (private company)—Registered 1st March, 1928. Registered office (not stated), Irish Free State. Nominal capital, £6,000, divided into 4,000 cumulative preference shares of £1 each and 2,000 ordinary shares of £1 each. First directors: Andrew Noel Newman, Desmond Beatty, James Lindsay Crabbe, William Henry Cooper. Signatures on the memorandum of association—1. Beatty, Desmond, 38 Fitzwilliam place, Dublin, commercial agent—1 share; 2. Cooper, William Henry, Rosaria, Victoria road, Clontarf, Dublin, commercial agent—1 share.

Woodgreen Weaving Co., Limited (private company)—Registered 24th February, 1928. Registered office, Woodgreen, Shankbridge, Ballymena, Co. Antrim. Nominal capital, £5,000, divided into 5,000 shares of £1 each. First directors: William Maurice Harper Boal, James Alex. Boal. Signatures on the memorandum of association—1. Boal, Wm. M. H., Woodgreen, Shankbridge, Ballymena, linen manufacturer—1 share; 2. Boal, James A., Bona Vista, Antrim, linen manufacturer—1 share.

PRODUCE AND FOOD MARKETS.

CATTLE.

SALFORD.—On offer, beasts, 734 (decrease 147); sheep and lambs, 7,939 (decrease 2,016); calves, 3 (decrease 2); dairy cows, 4 (increase 3). Ban on Irish cattle and sheep still in force, and this is materially affecting supplies. There was a smaller show of Welsh and Cheshire beasts, but Norfolks were offered in larger numbers. In sheep, first arrival of Yorkshire clips numbered 774—pressed. Good demand for prime cattle, and others generally showed no disposition to transact business except at advanced prices. Sheep and lambs, however, remained about unchanged. General quotations:—Norfolk heifers and steers, 1st class, fine grade English 10½d., secondary quality 10d. to 10d.; good fat young cows 7½ to 8d.; best lambs around 17/6, inferior sorts 14/ to 15/. Yorkshire clipped sheep 11/ to 12/ per lb. Cows suitable for dairy purposes again nominal.

LEEDS.—On offer: 656 beasts; choice animals 8½d. to 10½d.; cows and bulls 7d. to 8d.; good tups, sheep, 2,936 (14/- to 14/6, ewes 10/-, lambs 9/-); good trade. Pork pigs 11/6 a stone.

CAMBRIDGE.—Beasts, 176; best, best to 11/6, others to 10/-. Sheep 544; mutton 9/4 to 10/4, lambs 14/6 to 17/8. Pigs 1,116; porkers 11/6 to 12/6. Fat cattle—A larger supply and slightly lower in price. Calves—Best sorts dear. Store cattle—A better demand for the good sorts, good stock and prices somewhat higher. Store sheep—Trade unchanged. Fat pigs—Large numbers again offered and dearer. Store pigs—A very fair trade, but hardly so good as last week.

GRAIN.

DUBLIN CORN MARKET.—In absence of any best market test, sets in several trade agreements, and 60 per pressure values. Whites 10/9 to 11/9, and extra good parcels 12/- to 13/6, blacks 14/6 to 15/6; choice Ulster talk of 15/6. Oats in good demand and extreme. Barley quiet.

FLOATING GRAIN CARGOES.—BALTIC.—WHEAT.—A firm tone governed the market for floating and forward cargoes, sellers being more reserved, and full per qr. advance asked for most descriptions. Business here fail to respond, but a good business is reported done in Plate descriptions at full prices, and also in Pacific Manchurian sellers 31/6, No. 2 Northern Manitoba (Vancouver shipment) afloat 29/9, April 30/9, 30/3, ditto afloat 30/3, May 30/3, ditto 30/6, June 30/6, March 49/3, 53/3ds, ditto 49/-, Baril 53/3ds, shipping/shipped 49/9, Barusso 53/3ds, May 48/6, Australian 52/9, March 52/6 per 480lbs. Parcels relish 52/9, March 52/6 per 480lbs. Parcels held for 3d. per qr. advance, but trading restricted. MAIZE.—Spasmodic enquiry for Plate steamers afloat 42/6, April-May 39/3, May-June 35/6, June-July 34/6, July-Aug. 34/-, Aug.-Sept. 33/6, Sept.-Oct. 33/-, March-April sell 38/-, April-May 35/3, May-June 34/4½; Local Deccanian, 5,709 tons Plate, 3/3 March bill of lading, sold 42/6 per 480lbs. BARLEY was active, but most descriptions held for full recent rates. MALTS tend firmer: Plate 54s. afloat, also Chilian 28/6; Chilian f.a.q. afloat, also February-March, 26/6; March-April 28/6 per 320lbs.

FLOUR.

LIVERPOOL.—WHEAT.—The sharp rise in America and better Argentine cables caused forward descriptions of wheat here to advance 6d. per qr. in early trading, but afterwards receded and fluctuated freely, finishing only the turn dearer than the previous week. Inter-afternoon cables barely up to advance offered, but parcels of wheat, Western Australian afloat sold 52/3, and Plate 53/3ds, arrived 47/3 per 480lbs. Spot parcels of maize, River Plate February-March sold at 41/3, March-April 37/10½ to 38/-, April-May 35/3, May-June 34/4½, on the spot from 34/6 to 34/9. MAIZE spot parcels steady at 3/11 per cental for River Plate. FLOUR steady and offered slightly cheaper, spot now 32/6 per 280lbs. ex mill. Graded wheat futures opened 2d. per central dearer, then receded and fluctuated freely, the market eventually closing unchanged to only 1d. over last night. River Plate maize options nominally unchanged.

PROVISIONS.

LIVERPOOL.—BACON—Irish and Continental rules steady, but trade quiet. American quiet, reasonably easier; long clear reduced to 72/-, to 75/- for 30/40's, and 70/- for 20/30's; short backs 84/-, extra shinless 88/- to 94/- per cwt. Shoulders quiet at late rates. LARD on spot quiet but firm, and offered more plentiful and a fair sale at 1/3 to 1/4 each.

DUBLIN BUTTER AND EGG.—The week again opened with a fair trade in butter, a consequence of a kick against high price for the Danish article, but quarter favours quiet and steady. Supplies of Irish London holders of Colonial produce appear to think that their butter in the circumstances might be raised in price, but Irish farmers, judging from the heavy arrivals readily sell at 1/7½ to 1/8, strictly fine would make another penny. Irish 120 Finland averaged 1/7½ to 1/7½, Australian 1/52 to 1/7, some brands 1/6½ to 2/6½, factories 1/4 to 1/5; farmers butter sell 2/0½ to 2/2½. Market remains steady. Eggs—Supplies about equal to demand, but excessive quantity keeps home sales and prices put somewhat low. Best eggs in ordinary use 2/- per doz., arrivals 9/6 to 11/-, heavily picked retail parcels 11/6 to 12/- per doz. Poultry—Supplies 6/6 to 9/- each, duck 2/6 to 3/6 each, geese 10/6 to 11/6, selected 13/- to 12/6 per 120.

CORK BUTTER.—The market remains unchanged. Creameries 186/- to 189/- per cwt., choicest salted 190/- upwards.

DUBLIN FISH.—Supplies about average of white fish, but large of salmon. Arrivals embraced 51 packages salmon, 8 chests lobsters, 80 box

MONDAY NEXT, 12TH MARCH, AT 1 O'CLOCK,
TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION,
AT ESTATE SALEROOMS, 18 UPPER GEORGE'S STREET.

EXECUTOR'S SALE—RE JAMES NEILL, DECEASED.
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Substantial Dwellinghouse, with a Blacksmith's Forge in rear, together with a large yard suitable for a Dairyman, Building Contractor, Garage Proprietor, etc. Lease, 500 years from 1850. The net annual rent on the premises for Sale, £6. The Forge and shoeing platform are Let, and produce a rent of £1.5 per annum.
Vacant possession will be given, subject to the above-mentioned tenancy.
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WITH VACANT POSSESSION.
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ON VIEW TO-DAY. SALE BY AUCTION TO-MORROW (THURSDAY).
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AT OUR SALEROOMS, 39 WESTMORELAND STREET.
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BRIGHT, MODERN HOUSE. DESIRABLE SITUATION.
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ON MONDAY, 12th MARCH,
At 12 Noon,
for the Executors of the late Mr. Marriott Finlay, Chestnut Mare, 8k. Germanie (1915), by St. Luke, out of Germinie, by General Peace, believed in foal to Duke of Brandon (St. Germanie is dam of Gregalach), Chestnut Filly, 3 years (sister to Gregalach), by My Prince, out of St. Germanie. Yearling Colt, by Duke of Brandon, out of St. Germanie.
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ADAM'S SALEROOMS,
19 STEPHEN'S GREEN, NORTH.
TO-MORROW (THURSDAY), 8th MARCH, 1928,
AT 11 O'CLOCK,
AUCTION SALE of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS, etc., comprising—Fine Boudoir Piano and Records, Music Seat, Grama-phone and Records; Chippendale Style and Jacobean Corner and French China Cabinets, Chesterfield, Couches, Easy and Occasional Chairs, 2-door Mah. Wardrobe and Revolving Bookcases, Inlaid Writing Table, Hall Stands and Chairs, Mah. Mirror-back and Enclosed Sideboards, Telescope Dining Tables, Sets Dining Chairs and Diningroom Suites, Overmantels, Gilt Mantel, Girandoles and Chimney-dale Mirrors; Screens, Whatnots, Oil Paintings, by Duck and others; Engravings, Table Glass and China, Lustres and Vases; Brass Fenders, etc.; Antique Sheraton and Georgian Card, p. and c. Loo, Fretting Teal and Occasional Tables; Chiffonieres, Antique Inlaid Kneehole Dressing Tables and Chests Drawers, Clocks, Barometers, Axminster and other Carpets, Velvet Pile Rugs and Table Cloths, Satin Walnut and other Bedroom Suites, Gent.'s Mah. and 2-door Wardrobes, Birch 3-door Mirrored ditto, Mah. Chests Drawers, Duchess Toilet Tables and Glasses; Antique Cheval Mirrors, good Deal Bedroom Furniture, Iron Bedsteads and Bedsteads, Spring and Hair Mattresses, Feather Beds and Bedding, Kitchen Maggie, Dresser, Furniture and Utensils, Meat Safe, Ladders, Garden Tools, Sewing Machine, Iron Safe, one Split Cane Trout Rod, etc. On View This Day, 10 till 8. Sale To-morrow (Thursday) 8th. Purchasers to pay 5 per cent. Auction Fees.
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EXORS.' SALE—MRS. COLE, Deceased.
ORAHOVA,
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WEDNESDAY, 14th MARCH, 1928,
AUCTION SALE OF SUPERIOR FURNITURE, BOOKS, Etc.
Comprising briefly—2 Carved Oak Blanket Chests, Antique Oak Sideboard, Buffet or Enclosed Cabinet Oak Chairs, Oak Telescope Dining Table, set 6 Chippendale-style Dining Chairs, and 2 Carvers; Chesterfield Couch and Divan Easy Chairs, Mah. Writing Table, Axminster Rugs, Carpets, Brass, Copper Coal Boxes and Plant Pots, Oak Hall Bench Tables and Chairs, Walnut and Brown and Fumed Oak Bedroom Suites, Oak and Brass Bedsteads, Spring and Hair Mattresses, Combination Dichess Toilet Tables, numerous Pressed and Cupboards, Painted Chests Drawers, Toilet Mah. Table Glass and China, Kitchen Dresser, Furniture and Utensils, Meat Safes, Step-Ladders, Pens, Lawn Mower, Iron Roller, Water Carrier, Wheelbarrow, Hose, Garden Frame, Bench and Seats; Suit Cases, Lamps, large quantity of good BOOKS, including the Geological Society's Journals, Science, Classical, Poetry, etc., by Rupert Brooke, Stephens, Yeats, Dunsany, Lawless, "A.E.," Swinburne, Arnold, and others. On View Tuesday, 13th March, 10 till 4.30. Sale Wednesday, 14th, at 12.30 sharp, immediately after Sale of Premises. Purchasers to pay 5 per cent. Auction Fees.
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